



NEXTech HIGH SCHOOL

NexTech High School of Grand Rapids Newsletter

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS
THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR
PROGRAM? INVITE THEM TODAY!

Blended, flexible, safe and secure
classroom sizes with an option of both
online and in person learning.

The only charter school to offer the
Grand Rapids Promise.

Kent Career Technical Center
available to our students.

College dual enrollment opportunities.

National Honor Society Member.

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HINDSIGHT IS 2020

NexTech Families,

Well, we made it to 2021! When you get this newsletter we will be halfway through our school year, and I have to say that things are moving quickly. I believe, and from the responses, we have seen through surveys and emails you agree, that even with the required transitions we are making progress in our program and our students are succeeding. This doesn't mean there aren't challenges placed in front of us, but we are pleased to see the majority of our kids stepping up to the unprecedented challenges they are facing.

As we start to get back into our face-to-face programming for the majority of our students I want to share a few reminders to all of you about what we expect when we are onsite. First, masks will be required throughout this year while on campus, and this extends to the lobby and elevators in our building. Masks are available from the school, but we need students to have them on when they enter the building, not waiting until they enter our physical space. We will be maintaining the current 9:30-1:30 school schedule through at least the end of February. Please make sure students are in classes, whether on campus or joining virtually. There are no extensions for classes, or options for "Incompletes" like the end of the year last year, so grades do count, and attendance is the primary indicator of success. Teachers are available to meet with students daily in one on one or small groups, so please take advantage of this opportunity for additional support.

This second half of the year is also when we open up our enrollment for the following school year (yes, we are already thinking about the next school year). Our goal is to increase our total enrollment by 35 students to start the following year. You can help support this goal by reaching out to families you may know that are looking for a fresh start and a supportive program. You can help leave reviews or comments on our social media pages. Most importantly you can join our PAC (Parent Advisory Committee), or even our school board, to help provide direction and help lead us to the next stage of NexTech High School. If you have an interest in either of these last two points please reach out to me directly.

In closing, our program is where it is at because of the students, staff, and families that choose to take advantage of our programming. You are the reason we work to create new classes, find new activities, make the calls home that we do. We appreciate the situations you are going through, and please know that we are here for you.

Looking forward to a great 2021,

Dean McMillan



Happy New Year to our NexTech Families!



2021

LINKS YOU CAN CLICK

- [CAREER CHATS 20-21](#)
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- [CANNONSBURG](#)
- [ICE SKATING](#)
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HELLO
JANUARY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JANUARY 11 - BACK IN BUILDING

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

JANUARY 11 - CONFERENCES

JANUARY 18 - WORK AT HOME

FEBRUARY 5 - GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 15 - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 26 - END OF TRIMESTER

MARCH 1 - 3RD TRIMESTER STARTS

100%



AL HAFEMAN

My name is Al Hafeman. I teach Math which includes Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus. This Fall I will be starting my 3rd year at NexTech. My experience at the high school level includes 25 years in Wisconsin and one year in Florida. My education includes earning a BBA in Marketing and my BS in Math and German Education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I earned my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In addition to teaching at NexTech High School, I do work with Math and German students on the side. After many years of family life in Wisconsin and the one year in Florida, my wife and I are excited to be back in West Michigan, though, to be near family. Our two children are enjoying being close to their cousins once again! We enjoy doing things outdoors like biking, kayaking, fishing, swimming, and camping. Also, when I get a chance, I enjoy reading or working on my German! We enjoy traveling, when possible - favorite places, besides the beaches and dunes of West Michigan, are Disney World, the Gulf Coast, and visiting cousins in Southern California! I am excited to be a part of the NexTech staff and be a part of the wonderful opportunities that are offered to students here at NexTech High School. I look forward to working with students in their Math classes to help them navigate through their class and make connections that will help them gain an appreciation for Math!



HELLO . HALLO . HOLA

Morgan Dickens



My name is Morgan Dickens. This will be my second year working as a paraprofessional and teaching at NexTech. I am currently a student at Grand Valley working on my BA in English and Secondary Education with a minor in English as a Second Language. When I am not studying, I spend my time with my fiancé and our two cats. We like to hammock and travel. We both are students at Grand Valley and met in the marching band. I marched piccolo for 4 years and am working as the uniform chair this year. I am very excited to get started on my 2nd year at NexTech!



NEXTECH

THIS WAS PART OF OUR

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER

OHH Yes We DID!!



Paint Pumpkins



NexTech Staff

NexTech Staff all dressed up for Halloween 2020. Even Scooby Doo was there to help with unsolved mysteries!



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HAPPY
Holidays!

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*From:
NexTech*