



Front row from left: Melissa Brucker, Kimberly Chamberlain, Marysa Cooper, Katrijn Greco, Brooke Hartpence, Rebecca Yuhas, Catherine Riley-Nicosia, and Claudia Birritella. Middle row from left: Stephanie Baldwin, Kirstie Sheets, Joseph Kopnitsky and Ashley Stoughton. Back row from left: Robert Humphrey, Shannon Hersch, Trevor Gage, Philip VanHarken, Mark Solan, and Gregory Cashdollar.



## New Staff Welcomed Aboard

sponsored by the Newark Central School District Board of Education August 23rd in the Large Group Instruction room at Newark High School (NHS).

Superintendent Matt Cook cordially welcomed new staff.

As part of their second day of new teacher orientation, new faculty and staff attended a welcoming luncheon

They include:

Claudia Birritella, who will be the new Newark Middle School (NMS) psychologist

Andrea Briggs, who will teach fourth grade at Kelley School

Melissa Brucker, who will teach fourth grade at Kelley School

Gregory Cashdollar, who will be a long-term substitute teaching sixth grade at NMS

Kimberly Chamberlain, who will teach fifth grade at Kelley School

Marysa Cooper, who will teach special education at Newark High School (NHS)

Ashley Ellis, who will be an NHS counselor

Trevor Gage, who will teach physical education at NHS

Brooke Hartpence, who will teach vocal music at NMS

Robert Humphrey, who will teach instrumental music at NHS

Joseph Kopnitsky, who will teach math at NHS

Katrijn Greco, who will also teach math at NHS

Kirstie Sheets, who will teach third grade at Kelley School

Mark Solan, who will teach special education at NMS

Ashley Stoughton, who will teach physical education at Kelley School

Philip VanHarken, who will teach English at NMS

Rebecca Yuhas, who will teach science at NHS

Shannon Hersch, who will be a long term substitute teaching math at NMS

Stephanie Baldwin, who will teach English as a new language at NMS

Catherine Riley-Nicosia, who will be a long term substitute teaching second grade at Lincoln School.

Others attending the luncheon included: Board of Education members Russ Harris, who is president, Susie Earl and Jim Miranda; Assistant Superintendent for Business Ed Gnau and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Krista Lewis; all five building principals and three assistant principals and some other district staff and Newark Mayor Jonathan Taylor and Newark Police Chief David Christler.

Taylor welcomed new staff by thanking them for coming to Newark.

“It’s great to have you here and to have you become a part of the fabric of our community,” he said.

As part of the event, Lewis invited new staffers to share some observations they’d gleaned so far and they were upbeat and positive.

After the luncheon, new staffers went on a 90-minute bus tour of Newark with Cook. And a good time was had by all!