



NECS P.A.C.E. News

Service Hours for 2026/2027

- 30 service hours are required per family June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027.
- See the, "How Does It Work?" section on the attached flier for more details.

Need to Know Dates for 2026

- 9/8 P.A.C.E. Meeting @ 6:30p.m.
- 9/19 New Era Street Fair Festival
- 10/13 P.A.C.E. Meeting @ 6:30p.m.
- 10/24 Apple Pie Making Day
- 11/7 Auction
- 11/10 P.A.C.E. Meeting @ 6:30p.m.

Next Steps & Immediate Needs

- Chair organizer and volunteers willing to work the New Era Street Fair
- Meetings: mark your calendars for the monthly meetings to learn more about each event and develop community within New Era Christian School.
- Sign-ups: look for SignUp Genius links to volunteer at our fall events in the weekly Friday note OR on our PACE Facebook page.

P.A.C.E. Board Info:

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Scan to visit our Facebook Group: NECS PACE



NECS P.A.C.E. 2026/27 Volunteer Opportunities

September 2026:

PACE Hot Lunch. Chair: Lynn Ramthun (231-557-2942)

Start Date: This program starts Sept. 15th and runs every Friday of the school year.

Details: Parents put on hot lunch for the school on Fridays and the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Needs: Hot lunch helpers! If you are interested in helping serve food for our Friday Hot Lunch program, please contact Lynn!

New Era Street Festival. Chair: STILL NEED

Event Date: September 19th

Details: NECS hosts a booth at the New Era Street Fair. We will have signups to pre-order pies, promote the auction, along with small giveaways for kids!

Needs: Volunteers willing to work the booth! See the SignUp Genius links on our Facebook page or in the Friday note.

October 2026:

Apple Pie Day. Chair: Kayly Grice (616-835-7396) & Paula Meyers

Sale Start Date: Friday, October 2nd **Sale End Date:** Friday, October 14th

Apple Pie Making Day: Saturday, October 24th

Needs: This event is our largest volunteer needed fundraiser of the entire school year! Each family will have the opportunity to sell our delicious apple pies and there will be many service hour opportunities on November 8th to make the pies.

November 2025:

NECS Annual Auction. Chair: Scott Meyers, Becky DesArmo, Adrienne Kroll

Event Date: November 7th

Details: NECS School Board and PACE Board work together to host a dinner, silent auction and live auction in the school gymnasium.

Needs: Volunteers! We need individuals willing to help facilitate the events of the evening, display products for silent auction, etc. We also need each of you to PROMOTE! Please pass the word along and invite all to come and support our school.

March 2027:

Read-A-Thon. Chair: Laura Robinson & Kim Schultz

Event Date:

Details: To encourage reading, we encourage kids to ask friends for pledge amounts per minutes read to fundraise while getting kids to read! We also host a used book sale at the school for kids to shop.

Needs: Volunteers to run the book sale and kids to ask friends and family to reading pledges!

May 2027:

Grandparents Day. Chair: Kassidy Jeltrema

Event Date: May 20th

Details: Teachers and kids put on an excellent performance for our grandparents and spend the day giving them the tour of our school(s)! It's an awesome day both kids and grandparents remember.

Needs: Volunteers to help put together box lunches and support the events of the day.

Kids CampOut. Chair: CJ and Adrienne Hulbert

Event Date: May 28th

Details: Dad and kids join together the evening of the last day of school to enjoy a grill out, games and camping at school!

Needs: Volunteers to help with grilling, clean up, etc.

Parents Active in Christian Education

▶ Who are we?

We are the parents and families supporting New Era Christian School by volunteering service hours. Our main goal is to fundraise for school projects / needs that support students in their academics and overall experience at NECS while developing community between families.

▶ Why?

The purpose of this society is to create and sustain interest in the cause of Christian instruction and give moral and financial support to the local Christian School movement. P.A.C.E. is designed to cover costs over and above the extra budgeted operating needs of New Era Christian School. Through P.A.C.E. we are able to raise money to pay for items that are not included in our General Fund budget. A few examples of P.A.C.E.'s financial support include covering shortfalls in tuition, kitchen supplies, Grandparents Day, educational class trips and educational supplies and items for each classroom. We also provide emergency funds for unexpected expenses such as bus repairs, building repairs and maintaining playground equipment.

▶ Who benefits?

Each child at New Era Christian School benefits from the efforts of P.A.C.E.--that is

what makes all of the effort and work worthwhile! The best part of our group is that there is much more than work and fundraising accomplished by P.A.C.E. Whenever we get together, we have the opportunity to share in Christian Fellowship, to learn from each other, laugh, and enjoy the time we spend together.

Through the volunteering of NECS families over the years, something even more special than walls and classroom additions have been built. Through hours of fundraising and serving side by side, families have formed lasting friendships and a close-knit, caring, Christian family

atmosphere, which is such a huge part of NECS.



► How does it work? ◀

In an effort to sustain the growth of our Christian family atmosphere and ensure continued financial support for our school, **each NECS family is required to give 30 hours of service per year (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027)**. Any unmet service hours as of May 31st, 2027, will be invoiced to the family's account at \$15 per hour missed. Family and friends can serve on your behalf to help you achieve these hours.



► What do I do next? ◀

- Fill out the P.A.C.E. Service Hour Sign Up sheet and check the events you feel willing to help with or try.
- Return the form to a P.A.C.E. officer or the NECS office OR use the QR code to complete online.
- At each event a sign-in sheet will be available for tracking hours.
- Enter your own hours through GradeLink and hours will be approved by a P.A.C.E Board Member
- Service hours are tracked by the school board through Gradelink and you can track your family's progress.



► Where can I volunteer? ◀

A short list of ways to fulfill required service hours:

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| • Summer Service Projects | • Apple Pie Making Day |
| • Kitchen Deep Clean | • Fall Street Fair |
| • Grandparent's Day | • Building & Grounds |
| • Library Help | • Friday Hot Lunch |
| • March Book Fair | • Playground Monitor |
| | • Annual Auction |

► Do I Have to Participate In Selling Items for EVERY Fundraiser? ◀

No! You do not need to sell items for EVERY NECS fundraiser. If your family hates Apple Pie, aim to sell Weesies Flower Baskets or Candy Bars. If your family is great at selling and you want to sell every item offered, by all means, GO FOR IT! We just ask that each family participate to the best of their ability, realizing that it all benefits and blesses our students here at NECS.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:"

1 Peter 4:10



SAVE THE DATE(S)

September 8th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
September 19th 8a-3p - New Era Street Fair
October 13th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
October 24th 7:00a-2:00p - Apple Pie Day
November 7th - NECS Annual Auction
November 10th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
January 12th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
February 9th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
March 1st-16th - Read-A-Thon
March 9th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
April 13th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
May 11th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
May 18th 7:00p - Annual Society Meeting
May 20th - Grandparents Day
June 9th 6:30p - P.A.C.E Meeting
June 11th & 12th - Pentwater Yard Sale

