## **District Communications**

The purpose of district communication is to build and strengthen relationships between the New Bloomfield R-III School District and its students, patrons, employees, community members, and stakeholders.

The following information outlines our various types of communication. Please be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

**Building News Letters:** A weekly e-newsletter from each building is published that includes school news, community information, and event/activity dates.

**Social Media:** The New Bloomfield R-III district can be followed on social media at Facebook and Twitter. District-approved social media outlets include the following:

New Bloomfield Elementary Face Book Page

Wildcat Wire on Twitter and Face Book

**Flyers:** In the past, our schools have sent home loads of flyers in students' backpacks. As part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly and to embrace innovative technology, the elementary will continue Thursday packets once a month. Your eflyers will be sent directly to parents' email inboxes as well as posted on the school website. All outside flyers must be approved through Sarah Wisdom before distribution.

**New Bloomfield Website:** school information is available at your fingertips with our school website! Our school website posts district updates on the home page. High school athletic and activity updates can be found on the Activities Department website at: <a href="http://gilmore2122.wixsite.com/gilmore">http://gilmore2122.wixsite.com/gilmore</a>

**Remind 101:** HS/MS Classroom teachers and coaches utilize the free Remind 101 notification service for their students and athletes. This is a safe text message app built for education. Personal contact information is not shared and a message history is available. If your child is in a class, activity, or sport that offers Remind notifications, you will receive information to opt in to the convenient service. (Source: remind.com)

**School Messenger:** District administration utilize this call feature to reach parents and guardians about such things as late busses, Parent Teacher Conferences, snow days and school emergencies. Parents my sign up for school messenger at either building office or central office.

**Lumen Parent Portal**: This online system enables parents to access attendance information, course schedules, grades and lunch account information for students within our district. Parent/Student Portal is a free component of our student information system.

In order to use Parent/Student Portal, the district must have your current email address in our student database. *Please note: Only parents/guardians who are considered "Educational Decision Makers" can be granted access to the Parent Portal. Federal Privacy Laws (Family Educational Right to Privacy Act - FERPA) prevents us from doing so, and NO EXCEPTIONS can be made to this policy.*