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Welcoming a New Principal to Rolling Prairie Elementary

NPUSC is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. David Burden as the next principal of Rolling Prairie Elementary. Principal Burden comes to NPUSC after many successful years of service as a teacher, instructional coach and administrator in Warsaw, LaVille and Elkhart schools. He is known for being an energetic and passionate educator with significant experiences in STEM education initiatives, active learning for students and bringing the community and the classroom together for excellent learning experiences for students.



Dr. Paul White, NPUSC Superintendent, shared, "Mr. Burden is perfectly situated to lead Rolling Prairie forward after the great work the teaching staff and Dr. Moore achieved together in the past two years. Mr. Burden's passion and heart for teaching and leading schools to great work for students will be immediately evident. He will hit the ground running to continue what is great about Rolling Prairie and will lead the staff and students to additional successes in the future."

Principal Burden looks forward to joining the team. He said, "The opportunity to serve at Rolling Prairie with the momentum of excellence that exists is humbling. Rolling Prairie has been positioned for long term success because of leadership like Dr. Moore and a great staff with such a high ceiling. I am fortunate to join this team and excited to make New Prairie home."

Principal Burden was unanimously approved for a two year contract and will begin as principal at Rolling Prairie in July.

Elementary Schools Excel on I-Read Tests

This year's students earned the following pass rates on their I-Read tests:

- Olive-98%
- Rolling Prairie-98%
- Prairie View-96%

These are excellent pass rates! Well done students and teachers!

NPUSC Receives \$500k Grant for College and Career Readiness

NPUSC, in partnership with the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce, was one of 28 organizations selected by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to receive the Career Coaching Grant to provide Hoosier students with comprehensive resources to make informed decisions about college and careers. NPUSC was awarded \$528,000 and will use these funds to guide students toward college and career readiness milestones by way of structured career coaching sessions, support and events.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to provide all students across the district with the resources and support to make the best choices for their futures," said Tara White, NPUSC Director of College and Career Readiness. "Our goal is to increase awareness of the pathways available to students after they graduate and provide experiences in our district and community for students to connect with community partners and engage in meaningful career exploration experiences."



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Our purpose is to Ensure High Levels of Learning for ALL Students



NPBS ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

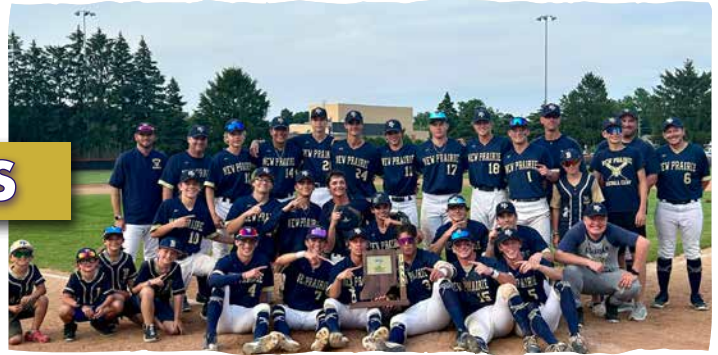
GO COUGARS!

Boys Baseball Team Wins State!

The Cougar baseball team finished the season 27-5, including a 12 game winning streak that led to the first baseball State Championship in New Prairie history!

Girls Softball Team Makes It to Semi-State

The New Prairie softball team finished the 2024 season with its third best season in school history! The Cougars were only one win away from returning to the State Championship game.



FINE ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

Show Choir Heads to State Finals

NPHS Sing Sensation performed and competed at five invitationals this season, including the State competition. Their show "Seasons" was put together by Zack Triscari, who along with Brian Rodabaugh choreographed the group. At the State competition, the performance placed ninth!



Well done Indoor Percussion Ensemble and Show Band!

"All's Well in Roswell (Isn't it?)" Spring Play

New Prairie Theatre Company was proud to present Michael Druce's comedic production of "All's Well in Roswell (Isn't It?)" for their Spring 2024 show. Directed by NPHS senior students Kennedy Prast and Abigail Scutchfield, Druce's production was brought to life with the true ethos of theatre in mind: community built through storytelling. With a cast and crew of more than 20 individuals, Kennedy and Abigail lead four successful shows in April.



Band Students Compete at State

The Indoor Percussion Ensemble qualified and performed at Indiana Percussion Association State Finals at Indiana State University on April 6. The group competed in a high class division, performed at the school's first IPA State Finals and finished the season with a school record.



Along with the show choir, the show band also performed at the ISSMA Show Choir State Finals. The band received Best Band Awards at two competitions and finished in fourth place for Best Band in the State.

Online Registration Information

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform all parents and/or guardians about the K-12th registration process for the 2024-25 school year. Our registration process will be completely online this school year as it was last year. Please read the information below regarding this process and/or answers to your possible concerns. NPUSC will continue to use an online registration program called Power School Enrollment, formally known as "Infosnap." Returning families will receive your student(s) snap codes to register online in a separate email later in July. For students new to NPUSC, use the registration quick link on any of the NPUSC school websites and contact your student(s) school. Registration will open the week of July 15-an email will be sent near that time when the online registration platform is officially open. For any issues with the Enrollment Portal call PowerSchool Parent Support at (866) 752-6850. For any NPUSC specific issues with the online enrollment, you may contact Melissa Krycka at (574) 654-0203 or melissakrycka@npusc.k12.in.us

What is the K-12 Grade Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Online Registration Process?

You may complete ALL of your paperwork (apply for free and reduced lunch, fill out emergency information and select the optional iPad insurance) through the Power School Enrollment website before the start of the school year. If you do not have internet access through a home computer, you can easily access this online process via your cell phone. Further communication regarding 6th-12th grade class schedules and obtaining parking passes for high school students will be communicated from your building principal.

When will my student get their iPad for the 2024-25 school year?

All K-5 elementary students will get their iPad during the first week of school from their classroom teacher. Secondary level students have the following opportunities to pick up their iPad prior to the school year beginning:

- @ NPMS Cafeteria - iPad pick up for middle and high school students on July 31 and August 1 (Wed & Thurs) from 11 am to 7 pm CST
- @ NPMS Auxiliary Gym - iPad pick up for middle and high school students during NPHS & NPMS Open House Night Tuesday, August 6, from 4 pm to 7 pm CST

When are NPUSC Open House Nights and can I get transportation or food service information at Open House?

Below are the dates/times for each NPUSC School Open House Night (all times are central or school time):

- Prairie View Elementary - August 6 from 5pm to 6pm
- Olive Elementary - August 7 from 5pm to 6 pm
- Rolling Prairie Elementary - August 7 from 5pm to 6 pm
- New Prairie Middle School - August 6 from 4pm to 6pm
- New Prairie High School - August 6 from 5pm to 7pm

*Families will be able to receive transportation information or talk to NPUSC Health Services or Nutritional Services at all NPUSC Open House Nights. Representatives from each NPUSC department will be on-site during all Open House Nights, likely stationed in the gym or another common area of the school to receive information or answer questions.

Why is there NO TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEE Collection this year?

The state of Indiana is now funding all textbook rentals due to this statement: "Effective July 1, 2023, each school corporation is required to provide at no cost the curricular materials that have been adopted for use in that corporation to each student enrolled in the corporation. The requirement that curricular materials be provided at no cost applies regardless of when the materials were adopted. As such, school corporations may not charge parents/guardians to cover the costs associated with curricular material adopted prior to July 1, 2023 - curricular materials must be provided at no cost." Please note Indiana Statute permits school corporations to assess and collect a reasonable fee for lost or significantly damaged curricular materials and other fees, such as a technology fee, may be charged.

What is offered with the optional iPad insurance?

New Prairie United School Corporation, in conjunction with a third-party vendor, will continue to offer individual device insurance plans. Plans must be purchased or waived prior to the receipt of the individual device by the student. Payments for the policy can be made via cash, check, money order or credit/debit card. Credit/debit card payments can be made only online at the MySchoolBucks website. An additional processing fee will be charged for credit/debit card payments. Our repair facility guarantees that the student will have their iPad returned to them within 7-10 business days. For devices lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair, a \$329 replacement cost will be applicable.

iPad Insurance - Why You Should Purchase Coverage

Your student is provided an iPad each year to receive educational instruction and to work on school related assignments. Accidents happen, whether we like it or not. iPad repairs are costly. Repair bills start at \$80 for damages such as cracked screens. If you do not have insurance, your child's device is NOT COVERED and you will be billed. To avoid these charges simply sign up for iPad insurance. Insurance covers the iPad for the ENTIRE school year. Insurance covers multiple repairs such as accidental drops, cracks and technical issues, but the iPad insurance does not cover liquid damage. iPad insurance does NOT cover loss, theft, intentional damage, nor deemed unrepairable due to severe damage. If the device is considered unrepairable you will need to purchase a new insurance policy for the replacement iPad.

Student iPad Insurance.....\$20

Why will my child be issued a NPUSC Student Email Account?

Students will be assigned email accounts for use of our Learning Management System (Schoolology and Google Classroom), as well as being able to share work with their classroom teacher(s). The primary grades will use this feature through Google Classroom next school year and the 5th-12th grade students will use it within Schoolology. The email address will be in the form of username@npusc.k12.in.us.

What are the Acceptable Use Policies?

Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) are an integral part of any 1:1 technology framework. An AUP must be concise and clear, while at the same time covering the most important points about what users are, and are not allowed to do with their device on or off the school network. AUPs are written to protect the student and the school corporation. Our school board and legal counsel have approved this NPUSC Acceptable Use Policy. Parents will have to sign the AUP before their child begins the 2024-25 school year to receive access to their iPad. A student may not have access to their iPad until this form is signed.

What is new to the Apple IDs and passwords?

NPUSC will continue to manage the Apple ID for each K-12th grade student. Apple has created managed Apple IDs for use of their Apple Classroom App, which allows more proficient backing up of data on the device in regards to content. This method will also help in terms of the privacy and security needs of the school system. All students will be required to use their assigned managed Apple IDs. Students will not be able to put individual passcodes on their devices and this feature will be disabled on each iPad for the 2024-25 school year. If you have any questions regarding either of these changes, you may contact Cory Shultz, Director of Technology at coryshultz@npusc.k12.in.us or (574) 654-0228.

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You're Invited

You are invited to attend meetings of the School Board of NPUSC. These meetings are generally conducted at 6 p.m. CST on the fourth Monday of each month in the Superintendent's Office, 5327 N Cougar Rd., New Carlisle, IN, unless otherwise advertised.

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Is there anything I need to do with Transportation?

Bus cards are no longer mailed home to each individual student. Bus route information, including approximate pick-up and drop-off times, will be sent to each family via email from transpo@npusc.k12.in.us approximately one week prior to the start of school. Out of district students will not be provided NPUSC bus transportation this year, including from in-district locations. All of our in-district students are assigned to a bus unless we are informed otherwise. If you informed us last year that your student will not be riding, the system may still put your student on a bus. If you know your child will not be riding (they will be driving, being picked up and/or dropped off, etc.) please contact our Transportation office to let us know. This will help us to streamline our routes by avoiding unnecessary stops. If your student(s) situation changes, please give us a call. We keep all students in our system and can arrange transportation if needed. As a reminder, each student may have one morning pick up location and one afternoon drop off location. These locations need to be on file with the school office. Any questions or changes, please call the Transportation office at (574) 654-7373 or (219) 778-9585.

HOSA STUDENTS COMPETE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



New Prairie HOSA – Future Health Professionals once again competed at the State competition in Indianapolis and walked away with several awards. A group of 14 middle and high school students also traveled to Houston, Texas, in June to compete at the HOSA International competition with more than 11,000 other students from around the world.

Robotics Spring Competition Reaches State

The NPUSC robotics team 2197 Las Pumas recently completed their 17th season. They placed second at Districts and were invited to State. They won a Sustainability Award for their season as well as climbed the ranks and became an Alliance Captain at the State Championship. The team's success was possible thanks to the support from its loyal members, mentors and various sponsors including NPUSC.

