



COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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We have seen some incredible things happening at NPHS over the first two months of this school year. Students have been performing at high levels in the classroom, in extracurricular clubs, and throughout our Fall athletic seasons. It's moments like these that make the High School experience one to be desired, and I am extremely proud and grateful to be serving in this community, ensuring High Levels of Learning for ALL students!

October also marks the end of our first quarter for the 2024-2025 school year. With the end of the first grading period comes our Parent Teacher Conferences and Fall Break. Parent Teacher Conferences across the district will be on Tuesday, October 15th and Wednesday, October 16th. The High School times are from 3:00pm-6:30pm CST both nights. We hope that each of you are able to make it, even for a short amount of time, to check in with your student's teachers and get any questions answered during this event.

As Always, Go Cougars!

-Mr. Heinold, NPHS Principal



Photo courtesy of Terrie Sult

Each month, we will be putting together a newsletter to highlight some important information that we would like to share with our NPHS families. You may always contact the school for more information.

PSAT Testing/Senior Seminar

On October 10, 2024 students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT assessment. All students taking the PSAT (including juniors who attend the Career Center and AM Building Trades) will report to their testing rooms at 7:15am to begin testing activities. Testing is digital this year so all students will need to have a charged iPad ready to go for test day.

Senior students WILL BE in attendance at the High School on October 10. Starting at 7:15am, Seniors will be getting graduation information from our Jostens representative, including instructions on ordering their cap and gown. Following the all-class presentation, Seniors will move into more personalized mini-sessions exploring postsecondary options through hands-on experiences. More details regarding these activities can be found at the end of this newsletter. During each session, student attendees will also have their names placed into a drawing for various rewards (early dismissal pass, food items, gift cards, Prom tickets!)



NAVIANCE

To help students in their career exploration journey, New Prairie United School Corporation is excited to introduce Naviance, a comprehensive website that your student can use to do everything from exploring different careers and interests to making plans about colleges and careers. Naviance allows them to manage the entire process of college and career planning, applications, and decisions in one location. Students can research careers and colleges, take assessments and interest inventories, create goals and to-dos and, eventually, submit requests for transcripts and recommendations directly to their counselors and teachers. From Naviance, they can also:

- Get involved in the planning and advising process – Build a resume, complete interest and skill inventories, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers
- Research colleges – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past
- Research careers – Research hundreds of careers and career clusters and take career assessments
- Create plans for the future – Create goals and to-dos and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare your student for future college and career goals.

You can check out Naviance with your student on their school iPad by going to the Clever app and clicking on the Naviance icon. Students must login with their school email address. We hope you find this resource helpful for your student as they begin to explore their future!

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

The safety and well-being of our student body remains a top priority as we continue through the semester. Each month we administer drills to help prepare staff and students for different scenarios that could occur on our campus. You can reference more information through LoveYouGuys.org. Schools across the nation use this site to establish common language and practices alongside their local law enforcement and emergency response agencies. Additionally, our Crisis Team meets regularly to discuss topics, procedures, training, preparedness, relevant to school safety. We're also encouraging input from our community in our effort to keep our school safe by sharing this QR code. Please use this to submit any safety concerns you may have or incidents that you'd like to report.



Performing Arts Spotlight

The Choir Fall Sampler is coming up on Monday, October 14th at 6 pm. Show Choir competitions may start in February, but Sing Sensation will be starting to learn the choreography for this year's show throughout October during two weekend camps. Guitar students are picking out melodies and starting to play three string chords. We have very many talented students in our Piano class, with several students working on extension projects further in the book and playing Beethoven pieces.



The High School Band has been marching along to the tune of their marching band show, Aurora. The show features the music of In The Air Tonight by Phil Collins and Rewrite the Stars from The Greatest Showman. The show takes you through all of the different colors you can see in an Aurora sky. The band has competed at local competitions and have finished in top placements. You can watch the marching band's show at the last home football game or at their Fall Sampler on Tuesday, October 8th at 6pm in the auditorium.

NPHS Guidance Dept.

Did you know? Our High School Guidance Department has their own website with loads of information and links available to students and families. Click [here](#) to access their Google site. You can find information on graduation pathways, diploma requirements, social work resources, scheduling, transcripts, and more!

Important NPHS Links

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

[Fall Athletics Information](#)

[Military Opt Out Form](#)

[Grade 12 Vaccination Reminder](#)

[Building Map](#)

[Dismissal Procedures / Parking](#)

[Volunteer Background Check](#)

Attention Winter and Spring Athletes and Families!!

New for the 2024-2025 school year, New Prairie High School Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms and upload the required IHSA Physical Information form for your student-athlete(s) this is required for athletic participation starting in '24-'25.

In order to keep up with all things New Prairie Athletics, be sure to frequently check their website at npcougars.com

The logo for FinalForms, featuring the word "FINAL" in white and "FORMS" in white with a red checkmark over the "O", all on a black background.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/8 - Band Fall Sampler

10/10 - PSAT Testing Day

10/10 - Last Day of Quarter 1

10/14 - Choir Fall Sampler

10/15 and 10/16 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/18-10/21 - Fall Break - No School

10/24 - NPHS Fall Blood Drive

10/31 - 10th Grade Hearing Screening

11/3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/4 - Mobile Dentist

11/5 - Teacher Work Day - No School

11/14 & 11/15 - Body Safety Presentations

11/27-12/1 - Thanksgiving Break

Also, check out npcougars.com for athletic dates/times, ticket information, and post-event summaries.

Contact Information

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•NPHS CLASS OF 2025•

Senior Seminar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Schedule

7:15-7:25 - Report to Breakout Session 1
for Attendance

7:30-8:10 - Jostens Cap & Gown and
Senior Products Presentation

8:15-8:55 - Breakout Session 1

9:00-9:40 - Breakout Session 2

9:45-10:25 - Breakout Session 3

10:30 - Normal Bell Schedule Resumes

Each Senior will choose three different Breakout
Sessions in RTI Scheduler.



Breakout Sessions

Your Personal Brand

When going through the college or job application process, it is important to communicate WHO you are. Developing a personal brand will help you do this. In this session, you will learn about developing your own personal brand and create your own business cards to use as you begin the college or job application process.

Dress For Success

Looking your best is an important component of landing the job you want. In this session, you will learn about the importance of dressing well for an interview. You will be able to choose clothing options from the new Cougar Closet or bring your own and receive a free professional headshot that you can use for resumes and applications for colleges and jobs.

Financial Aid FAQs

This course will provide you with the tools and knowledge needed to confidently fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and navigate the world of financial aid. You will learn more about the FAFSA process, as well as the various types of financial aid, including federal grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and loans.

Get An Instant Decision

Kevin Jones, Admissions Counselor at IU Northwest, will present information on the programs and scholarships available on their campus. You can also apply for FREE during the session and get an admissions decision on the spot!

Ace The Interview

Strong communication skills are important as you prepare for college admissions, job interviews, internships, and scholarship opportunities. Through practical exercises, mock interviews, and personalized feedback, you will learn in this session how to craft compelling responses, showcase your strengths, and make lasting impressions.

Craft Your Story

Get ready to make your college applications shine in this session that will guide you through the essay writing process, helping you articulate your unique experiences, aspirations, and personality in a way that resonates with admissions committees.

College Survival Skills

Prepare for a smooth transition to college life with this session designed to equip you with essential strategies and insights to help you navigate the challenges of your first year, ensuring you make the most of your college experience.

STUDENTS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO
PURCHASE IPAD
INSURANCE AT THE MAIN
OFFICE FOR \$20.
DEADLINE IS BEFORE
WINTER BREAK.

