



COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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As we welcome November, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible progress our students are making. In academics, we're seeing great strides in the classroom, with students reaching new personal bests and thriving in a challenging and supportive environment. Their dedication is a true testament to the strength of our New Prairie community.

On the athletic front, our teams have shown resilience, teamwork, and school spirit that make us all proud. From the field to the court, our student-athletes continue to represent us with determination and sportsmanship, embodying the values we cherish as a school.

Thank you to our families and community members for your unwavering support of public education. Your involvement and encouragement mean everything to our students, faculty, and staff. Together, we are making a difference and building a brighter future. WE are New Prairie!

As Always, Go Cougars!

-Mr. Heinold, NPHS Principal

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.



Photo courtesy of Terrie Sult

PSAT Student Results

Earlier this year, students in grades 9–11 completed the PSAT 8/9 or PSAT/NMSQT assessment. Scores were released to students through CollegeBoard.com earlier this month. Students were also given a paper copy of their results. This diagnostic exam has many benefits in identifying students for college scholarships as well as provide a predictive measurement for the Junior year SAT exam. NPHS staff has set a school goal on improving SAT scores for our Juniors, and we will be actively assisting students in understanding the assessment format, types and rigor of questions, and strategies useful for standardized testing.

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

We would like to give a special shout out to Mrs. Aerts, HOSA, and the South Bend Medical Foundation for hosting a successful blood drive at the end of October. It was incredible to see the number of individuals who registered to give back to the community. We nearly met our goal of 50 units during this one day event. We also want to say a big “Thank You!” to the staff at The Diner who provided a delicious breakfast for all who signed up to donate.



ATTENDANCE

Student attendance continues to be one of the biggest challenges that schools face today. When students are present in class, they have a better opportunity to learn new materials and master content with their teachers. It is also worth noting that student attendance rates must be above 90% in order to be approved for school-sponsored activities such as field trips and school dances.

We do understand at times that students are ill and need to stay home. We also encourage exercising healthy habits to maintain overall positive health. If you know that your student is going to be out, please contact the main office as soon as possible. Thank you!

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

NPBS is offering afterschool help for both math and English/Language Arts. These free tutoring sessions are hosted in the NPBS Library from 2:30–3:00pm. Teachers from our Math and ELA departments will be there to assist students with assignments or reteaching of essential content.

- Math help is available on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ELA help is available on Mondays and Thursday.



NPBS Athletics Spotlight

New Prairie Senior Cross Country runner Logan Thibodeau capped off his impressive career at the IHSAA State Finals on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Facing a challenging field of the state's top runners, Logan finished with a time of 16:32.96, placing 134th overall. Entering the Fall with a pre-season ranking of 355th in the state, he displayed a relentless work ethic consistently breaking his personal best times throughout the season and earned a trip to Terre Haute. Along the way, Logan also claimed individual 1st place finishes at both the Penn and NP Invitationals becoming the first NP boy runner to win the NP Invite in over 20 years.

The NP Volleyball team hoisted a Sectional Championship Trophy in an exciting 4-set victory (21-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-19) over Mishawaka Marian. The team advanced to the NorthWood Regional, but fell to the host school 17-25, 32-30, 17-25, 19-25. The Cougars finished their season with a 23-12 overall record and were also the New Prairie Invitational Champions.

Our New Prairie Football team continues their post-season IHSAA tournament with a home Sectional Championship game on Friday, November 8th at 7pm CST. Come and cheer on your NP Cougars on their quest for another Sectional Championship!

NPHS Fall Musical

NPHS presents "The Addams Family"! Shows will be on November 7th and 8th at 6pm, and on November 9th at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 for students/seniors. Groups of 10+ can receive tickets for \$5 per individual. Cash or check at the door only.

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

11/7-11/9 - NPHS Fall Musical Performances

11/11 - Veteran's Day

11/14 & 11/15 - Body Safety Presentations

11/27-12/1 - Thanksgiving Break

12/11 - Winter Band Concert

12/13 - Winter Choral Concert

12/20 - Last day of Semester 1

12/21-1/5 - Winter Break

12/31 - All Cap and Gown Orders DUE for Graduating Seniors

1/6 - Teacher Work Day - No students

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

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STUDENTS

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INSURANCE AT THE MAIN
OFFICE FOR \$20.
DEADLINE IS BEFORE
WINTER BREAK.

