



# COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the fresh start that February brings. As we settle into the second semester, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and dedication our students and staff have already demonstrated in the new year. With the momentum we've built, I am confident we will continue to make this semester one of growth, achievement, and success.

One of our key priorities this month is supporting our Juniors as they prepare for the upcoming SAT exam. Our NPHS SAT School Day Test will be on Tuesday, March 4th. This is an important milestone in their academic journey, and we are committed to providing them with the resources and guidance they need to excel. From in-school preparation sessions to online practice tools, we encourage all Juniors to take full advantage of these opportunities. Families, your encouragement and support at home can also make a huge difference—helping students set study goals, maintain a healthy balance, and approach the test with confidence. I am excited to see what our students can achieve!



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.

## NPHS TOP TEN 2025

Congratulations to this year's Top Ten students! These students have maintained the highest academic achievement through New Prairie's most rigorous coursework over the past four years. The entire NPHS staff applauds the work ethic, perseverance, attitude, and success of these individuals! We look forward to celebrating not only this group but all of our Seniors during their final semester of High School. Way to go, Cougars!!



### Class of 2025

Wyatt Keller - Valedictorian  
Rachel Paul - Salutatorian  
Ava Geyer  
Kimberly Crawford  
Jayden Lewis  
Emily Snodgrass  
Jackson Sanford  
Kaely Bumgardner  
Jeremy Willis  
Daniel Leffert

### FLEX Day - February 26th

On Wednesday, February 26th, NPUSC has a planned Flex Day. These are professional development days for staff. Students are assigned work to complete on their iPads from home. Students are required to "check-in" for the day through Schoology, and then complete any tasks assigned by their teachers for that day. Staff will be able to respond to questions and emails at various times throughout the day until 3:00pm. If a student is having technical difficulties, they can reach out to our tech department at 574-654-0228 or 219-778-1496.

As a reminder, students do not report to the schools on Flex Days, and they do not have live instruction via Zoom. This is different than weather cancellation days, in which the synchronous learning plan at the end of this newsletter would be followed.

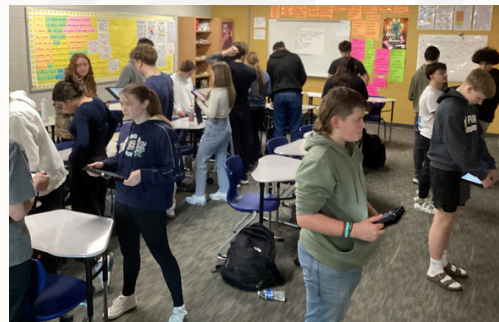




## World Language Department Spotlight

Our NPHS World Language department is dedicated to teaching Spanish and French using Comprehensible Input (CI) and Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS). Growth in the four domains of reading, writing, listening, and speaking are determined by the nationally-recognized ACTFL proficiency standards and the Indiana equivalents. Our year-end tests for Spanish and French II and higher use the Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency (STAMP) test to accurately provide proficiency data for our students. If students earn Intermediate High (end of Spanish V-equivalent, even though we only have through Spanish IV) on all four domains, and they successfully pass the SAT for English, they will earn the Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency (CoMP). Last year, in our charter year of testing, 17 students successfully passed the STAMP at or above the Intermediate High level on all four domains!

Many parents remember conjugating and writing sentences everyday during their high school WL class...and not remembering anything. Those days are over! The use of CI and TPRS has drastically changed how quickly students can grow in their language skills. Plus, we get to practice in fun and different ways, using running dictation, manipulative sorts, movie talks, inner and outer circles for talking, listening to both infamous and current music, and more!



## HOMEWORK CLUB

NPHS is offering afterschool help for both math and English/Language Arts. These free tutoring sessions are hosted in the NPHS 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.



## Transfer Applications

Out of district transfer applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. Current students must complete a new form every year. The transfer form can be accessed by clicking on the link below or visiting our NPUSC District website under "Info" and "Transferring to NPUSC".

<https://www.npusc.k12.in.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Outside-District-Student-Transfer-Request-Form-2025-2026-.pdf>

## 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](http://npcougars.com)

**FINALFORMS**

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/10 - School in session

2/13 - Choir Preview Show

2/20 - Step Up day

2/20 - Course Selection Night - Incoming NPHS Freshman

2/26 - FLEX DAY

3/4 - SAT School Day Test

3/6 - Spring Blood Drive

3/12 - End of Quarter 3

3/17 - School in session

3/31-4/4 - Spring Break

4/18 - Good Friday - No School

5/3 - NPHS Prom

Also, check out [npcougars.com](http://npcougars.com) for athletic dates/times, ticket information, and post-event summaries.

### Contact Information

Phone: (574) 654-7271  
(219) 778-2215

<https://www.npusc.k12.in.us/new-prairie-high-school/>

[facebook.com/newprairiecougars](https://facebook.com/newprairiecougars)

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# **NEW PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION NIGHT**



**FEBRUARY 20,  
2025**

**5:30PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS, PLEASE  
PLAN TO ATTEND! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS WE  
WILL BE DISCUSSING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENTS WILL BE COMPLETING  
THEIR COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 9TH GRADE**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2025 IS PLANNED AS A BACK UP DATE IN  
THE EVENT OF A SNOW/E-LEARNING DAY**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

**MRS. HORN (LAST NAMES A-G) | [DAWNHORN@NPUSC.K12.IN.US](mailto:DAWNHORN@NPUSC.K12.IN.US) | 574-654-0230**

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**JOIN NPUSC HOSA  
&  
THE SOUTH BEND  
MEDICAL FOUNDATION**

**FOR A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AT NPHS**

**THURSDAY**

**MARCH 6**

**9AM-3:30PM CST**

**REQUIRED FORMS BEFORE DONATION:**

**16= MINOR CONSENT WITH PARENT CONSENT**

**17 + NEW DONOR= NEW DONOR FORM**

**17+ RETURNING DONOR= NO FORMS NEEDED**

**\*ALL NEW DONORS NEED A PHOTO ID\***

**FORMS AVAILABLE IN ROOM 80  
(MRS. AERTS ROOM)**

**DONORS MUST WEIGH > 110 POUNDS**



**Scan to register**

**All times are CST**

**Questions?**

**Contact Mrs. Aerts at  
taerts@npusc.k12.in.us**

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

# 2024-2025 NPHS Synchronous eLearning Schedule

Begin at 9, 25 minute sessions

Teacher Preparation	7:00 -- 9:00 (2 hours)
Class period	<b>Monday - Friday</b>
<b>1</b>	9:00 – 9:25 (25 mins)
<b>2</b>	9:30 – 9:55 (25 mins)
<b>3</b>	10:00 – 10:25 (25 mins)
M: Cougar Mentor Time T-TH: Success	N/A
<b>4</b>	10:30 – 10:55 (25 mins)
<b>5</b>	11:00 --11:25 (25 mins)
<b>6</b>	11:30 – 11:55 (25 mins)
<b>7</b>	12:00 – 12:25 (25 mins)
Lunch	12:25 -- 12:55 (30 mins)
Independent Work, Teachers Available for Questions by Email	12:55 -- 2:30 (1 hr 35 min)