



MESSAGE FROM MR. HOLMQUEST

Spring is right around the corner! Despite what the groundhog says, I am focused on warmer temperatures and the end to the frigid cold and snow that winter brings. With winter ending and the transition to spring so close, it also means the beginning of planning for the next school year. Believe it or not, we begin that process now, looking at our master schedule for next year and meeting with the 5th grade students who will be joining us next year. Our guidance counselors are also working with our current 6th and 7th grade students to begin picking classes for their schedules. The 8th graders just completed the beginning of their transition to becoming freshmen at NPHS. We still have quite a bit to complete this school year at NPMS, but it never hurts to plan ahead. In the meantime, we look forward to finishing the school year on a strong note and enjoying the remaining time we have with our students this school year!

UPDATES



8TH GRADE GRADUATION AND BLUE AND GOLD

At the end of last school year, I sent a letter to all parents explaining the transition of our Blue and Gold Ceremony to an 8th grade graduation ceremony. As a reminder, the Blue and Gold Awards will become an 8th grade graduation ceremony for 8th grade students. All students will still earn their awards during their 6th and 7th grade school years and be recognized during the school year as such.

When students are in 8th grade at NPMS, we will recognize their cumulative accomplishments from 6th and 7th grade during their graduation ceremony. Any students in 6th and 7th grade who are nominated by their teachers for "Exceptional Talent" in a subject area will be allowed to attend the ceremony. We hope to continue our tradition of recognizing our students, while also giving our 8th grade class a proper send off to NPHS each school year.



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NWEA SPRING TESTING

Our spring test for NWEA will take place March 1-11. This is our last test to determine which academic supports students will need before we take ILEARN. We also use this data point for scheduling classes for students for next school year. Please make sure your students are in attendance for this important test.



SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Spring field trips will be taking place this semester. As a reminder to parents, any students who are failing two or more classes at the time of the trip will not be allowed to attend. Similarly, students with major disciplinary concerns will also not be allowed to attend. Please use this time now to get grades up and earn the privilege of attending the trips!



ILEARN TESTING

The ILEARN testing window will begin April 18 and run through May 13. Student attendance is required during our testing dates. If there are any appointments that need to take place, we ask that they be scheduled in the afternoon as our testing takes place in the morning.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 25 - No School - No E-Learning
February 28 - Flex Day - E-Learning Day
March 1-11 - NWEA Spring Window
March 11 - End of Quarter 3
March 14 - Flex Day - E-Learning Day