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New NPHS Principal - Justin Heinold

A warm welcome goes out to Justin Heinold, NPHS's new principal! Justin Heinold has a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis and a master's degree in school administration from Ball State University. He began his career as a high school science teacher. Heinold eventually started his administrative career as assistant principal at New Prairie Middle School (2017-21) before moving to the role of principal at Prairie View Elementary (2021-23). Throughout his time in NPUSC, Principal Heinold has become known for his infectious positive attitude, attention to student learning and ability to collaborate with all stakeholders to find positive results for students.



Principal Heinold is excited about this new opportunity: "I am thrilled and humbled to be serving as the next principal of New Prairie High School! Having served in the district for the past six years, I already know that I am joining a school with an excellent tradition, and we will continue to work together to serve the students and the families of the community to the best of our abilities."



New Prairie View Principal - Kris Staats

NPUSC is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Kristopher Staats as the new principal of Prairie View Elementary School. Staats has served as a school administrator since 2015, most recently as assistant principal at New Prairie Middle School. Staats holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology Education from Purdue University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is a graduate of LaPorte High School and while at Purdue was a member of the Purdue University football team. He began his career in education in 2011 as a Technology Education teacher at Brown County High School in southern Indiana. He is a certified school safety specialist and has spent considerable time engaged in Professional Learning Community training and processes while at NPUSC. He is known for being approachable, positive and able to speak directly to issues for the betterment of students. NPUSC Superintendent Paul White stated about the hiring, "We are excited to see Mr. Staats transition to Prairie View. We think he is perfectly suited to build on the great work that has been happening at Prairie View and work with the teachers, students and families to help Prairie View to continued success."



New NPHS Boys Basketball Coach - Ben Wiginton

A special congratulations goes to Ben Wiginton, NPHS's newly hired boys basketball head coach! With a love for competitive basketball and mentoring students, Wiginton has coached high school basketball for almost 20 years. He's been an assistant to a number of head coaches and most recently served as an assistant on the New Prairie Boys Basketball staff since the 2019-20 season. He looks forward to developing the program, sharing, "With the new role I am looking to build on the success of New Prairie athletics, field a competitive team, create a positive and enjoyable experience for athletes to participate as members of the high school basketball team. We hope to have a style of play that players enjoy while developing specific basketball skills that allow us to be competitive with all of our opponents."



In his free time, Coach Wiginton enjoys family time and supporting his children in their interests. He and his wife Megan have been married for 20 years. They have two children, Murphy who is 17 and Brody who is 14. As a family they enjoy boating/water sports and spend their summers boating locally or traveling to new destinations. In the winter, they focus on the basketball season.



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



Superintendent's Message

With the end of another successful school year, I want to thank our administrators for their servant leadership, our teachers for their excellence in education and our support staff for their commitment to come alongside students each and every day. I am excited to share about our new principal at Prairie View, our new principal at the high school and our new boys head basketball coach. I look forward to the fall kick off just around the corner.



And, of course, a special congratulations goes to all of our 2023 seniors! I wish you each the best as you start the next chapter of your lives.

*Dr. Paul White,
Superintendent of New Prairie United
School Corporation*

Here is what NPUSC has been up to and some future plans as well:

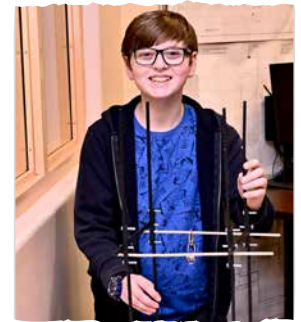
K-5

- Implemented career exploration field trips
- CCR newsletters, which highlight the field trips, local employers and career options within career cluster
- Implemented Junior Achievement in a Day (JAID)
- Cougar Career Camps Grades 4-5, summer CTE camps for each of the pathways at the high school
- Will be purchasing career related resources (books, posters, handouts, etc.)
- Will be purchasing new equipment for the First Lego League Robotics program



Middle School

- Will be purchasing career related resources (books, posters, handouts, etc.)
- Will be implementing career related field trips 2023-24 school year
- Cougar Career Camps for all middle school students, summer CTE camps for each of the pathways at the high school



High School

- JA Personal Finance all high school students
- Advanced Manufacturing - Digital Manufacturing (Industry 4.0) Pathway established for 2023-24, hired educator for program through grant, purchased state of the art training equipment and curriculum from Amatrol and FANUC Robotics, classroom set of laptops for the program
- First annual Military Service Career Night held in February, planning to invite other local schools to attend next year
- Established WBL collaborative group with other area schools through South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Established partnerships with local employers as industry advisors, working to develop programs for work-based learning and other industry relevant experiences for students



District Wide

- CCR Facebook and Twitter pages



Update on the 3E Grant Program at NPUSC

The 3E Grant is aimed at helping schools and communities strengthen, expand and create effective pre-K to career pathways and linkages. Several partnerships are being developed to bridge students in pre-K-12 to higher education and the workforce. This means students not only develop foundational knowledge and skills, but they also have access to exploration, engagement and experiences that illuminate the range of opportunities available to them after high school. This includes career exploration and engagement in elementary and middle school and hands-on experiences in high school that support students as they choose a path of employment, enrollment and enlistment leading to service.

Registration FAQ for 2023-24

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform all parents and/or guardians about the K-12 registration process for the 2023-24 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 students will receive your student snap codes to register online in a separate email. For students new to NPUSC, use the registration quicklink on any of the NPUSC school websites. Registration will open the week of July 17—an email will be sent at that time when the online registration platform is officially open. Registration requirements include:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency.

Please note, kindergarten students should be 5 years of age by Aug. 1, 2023.

For any issues with Online Enrollment call Power School Parent Support at (866) 752-6850. For any NPUSC specific issues with the online enrollment, you may contact Steve Hand at (574) 654-0203 or shand@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 (textbook fees, apply for free and reduced lunch, fill out emergency information and obtain the optional 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. If you wish to obtain a payment plan for iPad insurance and/or textbook fees, you must do this in person at your student(s) school office or at the NPUSC Central Office. Further communication regarding 6-12 grade class schedules and obtaining parking passes for high school students will be communicated from your building principal. More questions? Please contact your school's secretary or Melissa Krycka at (574) 654-7273 or melissakrycka@npusc.k12.in.us

When will my student get their iPad for the 2023-24 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:

- August 1 and 3 from 11am-7pm in our Middle School Cafeteria

When are NPUSC Open House Nights and can I pay fees and 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):
Rolling Prairie ElementaryAugust 9 from 5 pm to 6 pm
Olive ElementaryAugust 9 from 5 pm to 6 pm
Prairie View ElementaryAugust 8 from 4 pm to 6 pm
High School registration nightAugust 8 from 5 pm to 7 pm
New Prairie Middle SchoolAugust 8 from 4 pm to 6 pm

Families will be able to pay fees, 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 ask 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 NPUSC 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. If a device is non-repairable, we may transfer the policy to a different device if it is determined that the non-repairable status is not the result of abuse or neglect. We will issue a replacement device if we determine that the device covered under our plan cannot be repaired or if it was lost due to theft. A new protection plan will need to be purchased for the replacement device

Student iPad Insurance.....\$20

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 \$80.00 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 (Schoology 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 5-12 grade students will use it within Schoology. 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 the NPUSC Acceptable Use Policy. Parents will have to sign the AUP before their child begins the 2023-24 school year to receive access to their iPad. A student may not have access to their iPad until this form is signed.

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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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What is new to the Apple IDs and passwords?

NPUSC will continue to manage the Apple ID for each K-12 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 2023-24 school year. If you have any questions regarding either of these changes, you may contact Mark Norton, Director of Technology, at mnorton@npusc.k12.in.us or (574) 654-0228

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. 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.

