



# COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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## Thankfulness

This weekend marks the end of Daylight Savings Time and the chance to “fall back” an hour. I’ve never really known how to feel about time change, especially now that my own children don’t seem to understand the “sleeping in” part. Either way, this month has so much more to offer than just an added hour to our day. It marks the time of year in which we pause and reflect on what matters most and share our gratitude for things in this life.

For me, I am thankful to the entire New Prairie community for allowing me this opportunity to serve as Principal. I am thankful for our students and families who make this community strong and worth investing in. I am thankful for an incredible staff who commits to doing what is best for our students. Lastly, I am thankful to my family who proudly calls NPUSC home. – Mr. Heinold



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.

## Jostens – Senior Celebration

On Monday, November 13th, Jostens will be at NPUSC to pass out select apparel that Seniors have ordered. All orders must be submitted by Monday, November 6th. Click [here](#) to access the online store. Jostens will be providing a red carpet experience complete with cap and gown cutouts for students to pose for selfies.



## ATTENDANCE

The State of Indiana defines “chronic absenteeism” as missing 10% or more of a school year. That’s 18 school days of missed instruction and learning opportunities. We understand there are valid reasons for missing school, but we also know that students are more successful in their education when they are present each day.

If you know that your student is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the main office as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Model PLC District

If you have not heard yet, NPUSC has been named a model Professional Learning Community district! This is a significant accomplishment that highlights our district’s mission of ensuring high levels of learning for all students. NPUSC is one of only ten school districts in the **country** to earn this distinction this year. We are proud of the hard work put in by our staff and students to make this possible!





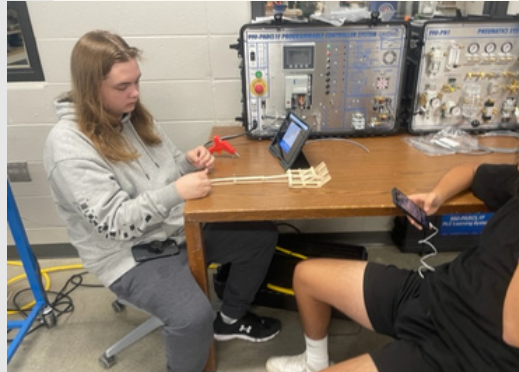
## School Safety

NPBS staff is committed to ensuring student safety at all levels. It is for this reason that we follow state and local guidance in completing frequent safety drills. We conduct monthly fire drills, active threat drills, cardiac emergency drills, and natural disaster drills. We encourage our families to have conversations with their students about how to maintain safety at home and make wise decisions in the event of an emergency.

NPUSC utilizes the Standard Response Protocol from the I Love U Guys Foundation. You can click on this [link](#) to access the parent guidance document for more information.

## 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 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.



## SmartSocial.com

You should have recently received an email from Mrs. Sass sharing information about [SmartSocial.com](#). We encourage all of our families to check it out and consider registering an account for access to incredible resources regarding navigating the challenges of social media. Normally, there is a membership for the SmartSocial resources, but we are providing it free to our school community.

There are more than 130 parent, educator, and student courses available on-demand! With access to just about anyone, anywhere, anytime, it's critical for us to stay connected with our students and know how to help navigate through the nuances of being responsible online citizens.





## NPUSC OPEN TUTORING SCHEDULE 2023

ALL TIMES ARE 2:30-3:30PM CST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SCIENCE	2 ENGLISH	3	4
5	6 MATH WORLD LANGUAGE	7 MATH	8 SCIENCE	9	10	11
12	13 MATH WORLD LANGUAGE	14 MATH	15 SCIENCE	16 ENGLISH	17	18
19	20 MATH WORLD LANGUAGE	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 MATH WORLD LANGUAGE	28 MATH	29 SCIENCE	30 ENGLISH		

## After School Tutoring

NPUSC will be offering after school tutoring for the following subjects: math, english, science, and world language. A calendar will be published each month on our NPUSC Facebook page and through Schoology. Tutoring is from 2:30–3:30pm. Students will meet the tutors in the cafeteria annex on the assigned days. There is no need to pre-register for a tutoring session.

## NPUSC Fall Musical

NPUSC presents “The Wizard of Oz”! Shows will be on November 9th and 10th at 6pm, and on November 11th at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 for students/seniors. Cash or check at the door only.

## SmartSocial.com

Here are some additional resources available on SmartSocial.com:

- Lists of popular teen apps and video games
- Free live streaming classes
- Courses to navigate TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and more
- Sample smartphone and social media agreements
- Support for instances of cyberbullying
- Offline activities to reduce screen time
- Articles on Artificial Intelligence
- Live Events!
- Click [here](#) to sign up!

## IMPORTANT DATES

11/1 – IUSB College Admissions Day

11/5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

11/7 – Election Day

11/9–11/11 – NPUSC Fall Musical – “The Wizard of Oz”

11/11– Veteran’s Day

11/13 – Senior Celebration (during lunches)

11/15 – ASVAB Testing Day

11/22–11/26 – Thanksgiving Break

11/29–11/30 – Body Safety Program

12/11 – Winter Choir Concert (MS/HS)

12/14 – Winter Band Concert

12/22 – Last day of Semester 1

12/23–1/7 – Winter Break

1/8 – Teacher Work Day – No students

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