



COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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"Fall"ing Forward

The weather is having a hard time deciding whether it should be 60 degrees or 80--that must mean that Fall is here! Who knows if we will see snow this month, but one thing is for sure, things are heating up at NPHS. Students and staff have been cruising through the first couple of months of the school year, and we will soon be coming to an end of Quarter 1 in the 2023-2024 school year.

With the end of the first grading period comes Parent Teacher Conferences. NPHS will be hosting conferences on Monday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 18th. We hope you can join us during this time to meet teachers and have conversations about student success as we pursue our mission of ensuring high levels of learning for all! - 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.

FAFSA Requirement

Beginning with this year's Senior class (2024), all high school seniors in the state of Indiana are required to complete the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) by April 15th. The FAFSA is the form needed to be on file to be considered for federal grants, loans, and scholarships. More information will be coming from our Guidance Department on this topic.



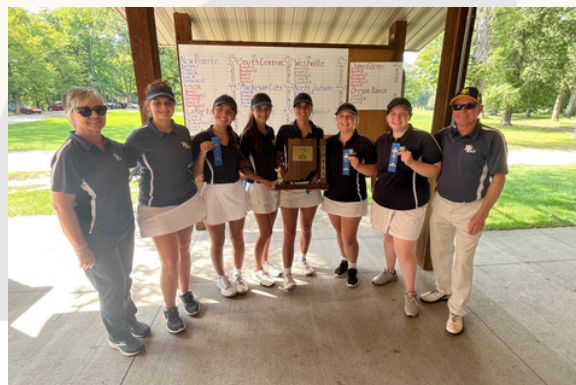
ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a crucial component for student success. If your student is going to be out for any reason, please contact the office to let our staff know.

At this time in the year, students should now be familiar with their classroom locations. Our administrative staff has been diligent about identifying habitual tardiness and truancy. Please reinforce the importance of punctuality with your students.

Extra Curriculars

Our students have had a tremendous Fall season so far! Congratulations to our Girls golf team who won its first State Sectional title in school history! Our Marching Band has been working tirelessly in preparation for its Scholastic competition series, and other teams are coming down to their final weeks of the season. If you have the chance, come out and encourage your NPHS Cougars!



College Admissions

NPHS will be hosting onsite admission days. Seniors interested in applying to IUSB and PNW can sign up to meet with an admissions representative at NPHS. Students will need to complete applications prior to onsite admission days.

During the onsite visits, students who sign up will meet individually with the admissions representative with the goal of receiving an admission decision during their meeting. This is a great time to ask questions and get information about next steps in the college application process.

PNW will be at NPHS on October 31 and IUSB will be here on November 1. Seniors should listen for announcements and watch for sign up opportunities on Schoology.

COLLEGE LUNCH TABLES

Did you know that several colleges and universities have sent representatives to provide information for students during lunch time? They set up at a table for both lunches and are available to talk with interested students. We encourage students to stop by, ask questions, and maybe pick up some free gear!



Fall PSAT Testing

On October 12, 2023 students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT. All students taking the PSAT (including juniors who attend the Career Center and AM Building Trades) will report to their testing rooms at 7:15am to begin testing activities. Testing is digital this year so all students will need to have a charged iPad ready to go for test day. More information can be found [here](#).

Senior classes will not be in session on October 12. Seniors will have the opportunity to explore postsecondary options or participate in service learning. It is the student's responsibility to arrange their activity for this day and complete the necessary attendance form or verification. [Senior PSAT Day Information](#) was sent out in early September via mail, email and Schoology posts to all seniors and their families.





Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be two different days for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Times for both days will be 3:00pm-6:30pm. Families and students will be able to meet with teachers as well as pick up Quarter 1 report cards during the conference nights.

Cougar Cards

NPHS has a positive reward system known as Cougar Cards. These cards are presented to students by staff members to encourage and recognize students for making good choices. At the end of the month, we will draw for Cougar Card winners. Students can win Premier Parking, Donuts with Deputy Adams, an Athletic Discount Card, (the rare) Prom Tickets, or a special surprise! Thank you students for making these positive contributions to our school community!

Picture Retakes

We will have our picture retake day on Wednesday, October 4th. Students who wish to have a retake picture will be called down by grade level during class time.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/4 - Picture Retake Day
- 10/10 - MS/HS Band Fall Sampler
- 10/11 - End of Quarter 1
- 10/12 - PSAT/NMSQT Testing Day
- 10/12 - MS/HS Choir Fall Sampler
- 10/16 - NPHS Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/18 - NPHS Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/20-10/23 - Fall Break - No School
- 10/25 - Mobile Dentist
- 10/27 - Fall Blood Drive
- 10/28 - ACT Testing Site
- 10/31 - PNW College Admissions Day
- 11/1 - IUSB College Admissions Day
- 11/5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/22-11/26 - Thanksgiving Break

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