



COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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Looking Ahead

It's hard to believe that we made it through January the way that we did. There were more non-traditional school days in January than there were full days. If anyone made a New Year's Resolution, I'm sure it was very difficult to keep!

Even with the snowfall, sub-zero temperatures, and fog, I am proud of the effort that our staff and students put in to continue making the most of the high school learning experience during this month. Now, we transition to February where students will begin picking their courses for next year. Key information has been shared by our guidance counselors in order to help students identify required classes and options for pathways and electives. I would encourage all of our families to have discussions with their students about future plans and courses selections. Together, we make New Prairie great!

- 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.

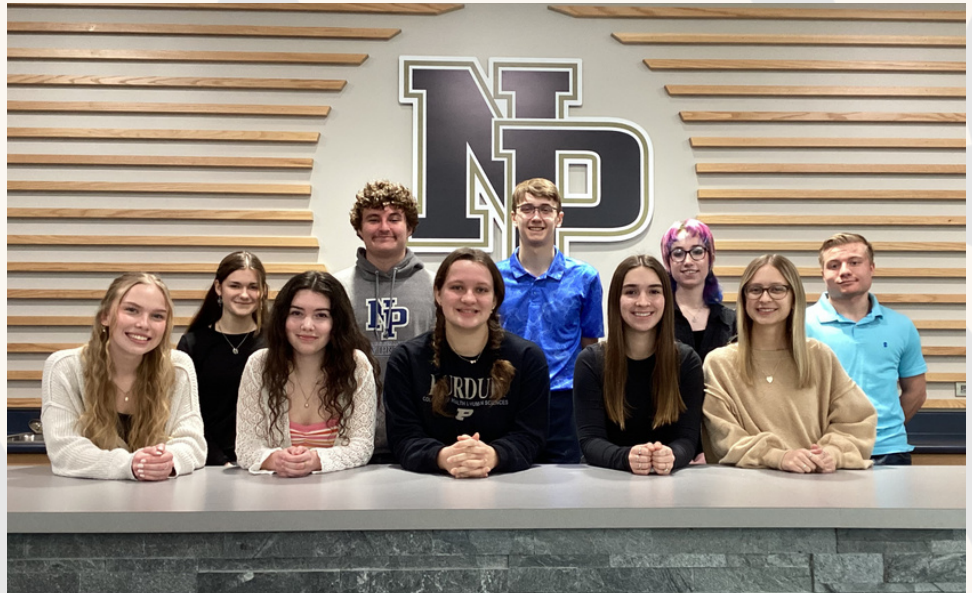
NPHS TOP TEN 2024

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 2024

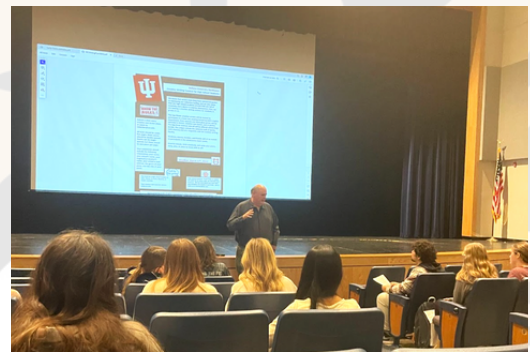
Co-Valedictorians:

Evan Lux & James Henning
Mackenzie Gall
Emma Holmes
Zoe Pietrzak
Sawyer Edwards
Reghan Romstadt
Reese Yettaw
Tristan Foster
Isabella Beall



Success Session Spotlight

On Monday, January 29, 2024, 34 New Prairie High School students attended a success session hosted by NPHS English Teacher, Erin White, I.U.S.B. Student Teacher, Caitlyn Wood, and I.U.N. English Professor, Garin Cycholl. This session aimed to inform and motivate students who enjoy writing to take their craft to the next level! I.U.N. is hosting a regional high school writing contest, winners can earn cash prizes, and of course, the experience and confidence that this type of contest can give a young writer. After going over the nitty-gritty details of the contest, Professor Cycholl answered several questions, and even shared a former contest winner's submission. The energy and interest could be felt by all, and it was obvious that New Prairie will be well-represented in this exciting contest. Students also left with little "swag bags" filled with I.U. brochures, key chains, and other goodies! Stay posted for the results of this spring contest. Go Cougar writers!



New Prairie High School – School Store

Beginning in February, we are excited for the official launch of our student-led school store. NPHS DECA members and business students have been planning and preparing items to sell before and after school from the storefront near the main office. From clothing to stationary and snacks to NP gear, the school store will offer an assortment of goodies to showcase school spirit! As the store expands, we will be able to offer more items for students and families to purchase. If students are interested in assisting with the school store in anyway, they may contact Mrs. Ott for more information. Go Cougars!



Winter Formal

NPHS Student Senate is sponsoring our Winter Formal on Saturday, February 17th from 7pm-10pm at Blackthorn Country Club's Blue Heron event center. As a reminder for students/families, students must meet attendance, grade, and discipline requirements. Specific information can be found in the NPHS Student Handbook. All guest forms are due to the main office by Wednesday, February 14th. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, February 12th during lunch. Tickets are \$15.

Flex Days

On Friday, February 16th and Friday, March 8th, NPUSC has two planned Flex Days. 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.

ELEARNING UPDATE

The weather in January was quite unpredictable. This lead to a number of delays and cancellations, two of which will be made up during our built-in Snow Make Up Days (February 19th and March 11th). We also had two days of eLearning this year so far. Should there be any more cancellation days, we will continue using the virtual eLearning format with live instruction. This can occur a maximum of three more times before we begin adding days to the end of the school year. Thank you for you patience and cooperation during this season of the year.



NPHS OPEN TUTORING SCHEDULE 2024

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

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

After School Tutoring

NPHS will continue to offer after school tutoring for the following subjects: math, english, science, and world language. A calendar will be published each month on our NPHS 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.

FAFSA Night

New Prairie High School would like to offer a FAFSA completion event for families where InvestEd would be able to help individuals through the process. We are gauging interest through the following survey. For Senior parents/guardians, please consider filling out [this survey](#) to assist in preparation for this event.

NPHS Library Access

Did you know? You can check to see what materials your student is borrowing from the NPHS library. The following document has been prepared with a QR code allowing you to access what your student has checked out from our library collection.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OIEqXz4FxOQBqNtly-a7k92okLbsleM6gThqqazL6Gw/edit?usp=sharing>

Issues? Contact your child's school and ask to speak with the library!

IMPORTANT DATES

2/6 - Step Up Day

2/6 - Course Selection Night - Incoming NPHS Freshman

2/13 - IUSB Express Admissions Day

2/16 - FLEX Day

2/17 - Winter Formal - 7pm @ The Blue Heron @ Blackthorn (South Bend)

2/19 - Snow Make Up Day - School is in session

2/21 - PNW Express Admissions Day

3/5 - SAT School Test Day (Tentative)

3/6 - Spring Blood Drive

3/11 - Snow Make Up Day - School is in session

3/29 - Good Friday - No School (Beginning of Spring Break)

Also, check out npcougars.com for athletic dates/times, ticket information, and post-event summaries.

Contact Information

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