



# COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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March is here, which means Spring is just around the corner! Soon we will be able to leave the cold, snowy days behind us, and trade them in for sunnier weather. March also brings us the end of the third academic quarter and the beginning of the last 9 weeks of the school year.

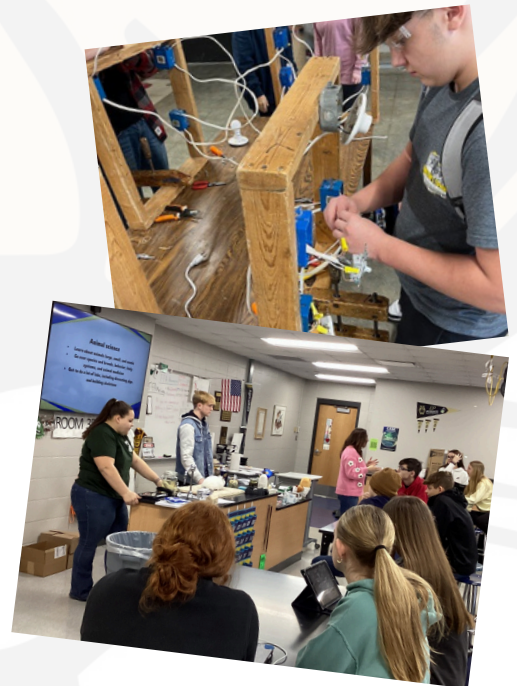
Now is the time for students to stay focused, work hard, and make the most of every opportunity. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or through leadership roles, every moment counts. For our Seniors, graduation is fast approaching, and we encourage them to stay engaged and set a strong example for their peers. No matter the grade level, every student has the opportunity to be a positive role model by showing kindness, responsibility, and leadership. Building strong relationships and supporting one another helps make our school community even stronger.

Let's keep up the momentum and continue building toward a successful finish to the school year. Thank you for your support in making New Prairie a place where students can thrive.

As Always, Go Cougars!

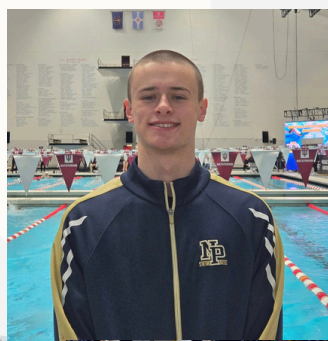
-Mr. Heinold, NPHS Principal

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.



## Step Up Day

On February 20th, incoming NPHS Freshman participated in our annual Step Up Day. Students toured the High School campus, learned about various programs and pathways available at NPHS, and ate lunch in the cafeteria! This great tradition helps students identify their interests and begin the process of selecting courses for their next four years. Thank you to all of our guidance staff, teachers, and Middle School staff who make this event possible each year-- it was a great success!



## Winter Sports Season Wrap-Up

Winter sports are wrapping up with all our teams other than Boys Basketball having completed their seasons. They begin IHSAA Tournament play this week at the Plymouth Sectional. Some major highlights from the winter season include 24 winter sports student-athletes earning All-NIC Honors and 18 Seniors earning Academic All-NIC Honors. Wrestling earned a team Sectional Championship and advanced 4 to the IHSAA State Finals. Freshman M.J. Staples brought home an individual State Championship while teammates Jeffery Huyvaert (5th) and Devin Kendrix (6th) also earned medals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Swimmer Dustyn Starkey finished 9th overall in the 100 yd Backstroke at the IHSAA Swimming State Finals hosted by IU-Indianapolis, and the New Prairie Dance Team earned a trip to the IHSOTA State Final hosted by Corteva Coliseum in both Hip Hop and Pom.

Boys & Girls Track kicks off their season Friday (3/7) indoors at Culver Academies with the rest of our spring sports teams opening up their seasons in a few short weeks. A reminder that the Student-Athlete & Parent Meeting for all Spring Sports (other than Track) is Wednesday (3/19) in the HS Auditorium.

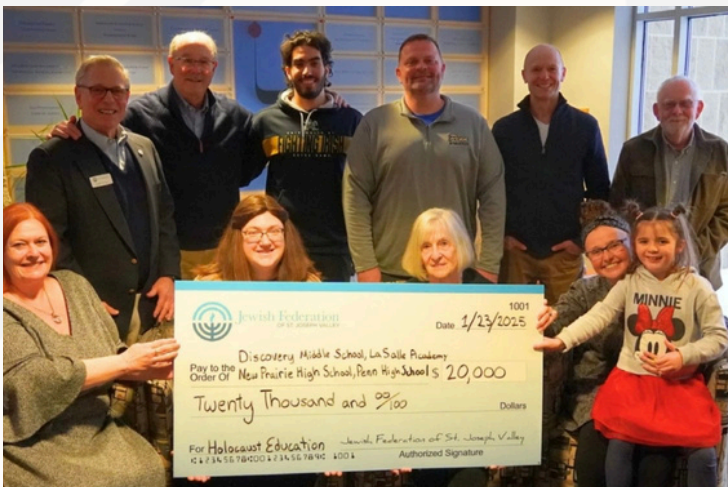
## SENIOR INFORMATION

Recently, NPHS Administration met with the Senior class to provide information on important events such as Prom, Senior activities, and Graduation. This is an exciting time for our Seniors, but it can also be overwhelming. If you have any questions along the way, please reach out to the office for additional information. You can also check out the Important Dates section in this newsletter to make sure you have the correct dates in your calendars.

## Social Studies Department Spotlight

Second semester is off to a fantastic start in AP World History and AP Human Geography! AP World History students just turned in their academic research paper. The students have been working diligently on this since November and now they get to enjoy a little break before the rigors of testing season! AP Human Geography is nearing the finish line regarding their material that they must know for the test in May. All students have been working diligently on free response questions and the growth they have shown is incredible.

Both AP World History and AP Human Geography students have the opportunity to attend an educational field trip to the Skokie Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois on April 8th. This trip will be free of charge due to the generation of the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley. In order to adequately prepare, both groups will be educated in Holocaust history prior to the trip and will be completing a project over a Holocaust book of their choice.



## CALLING NPHS ALUMNI

Are you a New Prairie graduate? We would love to hear from you! Please take our short alumni survey so we can catch up with you and keep you connected with all of the great things happening at NPHS! Click the link below.

[Alumni Questionnaire](#)

US History students are learning about the Great Depression, focusing on the causes and the impact the Depression had on Americans. As part of this unit, students are analyzing sources from the time period and making connections to similar events throughout history.

AP US History students are learning about Industrialization and the Progressive Era. In doing so, the students are working on their writing skills and making connections between trends throughout history.



## Transfer Applications

Out of district transfer applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. Current students must complete a new form every year. The transfer form can be accessed by clicking on the link below or visiting our NPUSC District website under "Info" and "Transferring to NPUSC".

<https://www.npusc.k12.in.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Outside-District-Student-Transfer-Request-Form-2025-2026-.pdf>

## Important NPHS Links

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

[Military Opt Out Form](#)

[Grade 12 Vaccination Reminder](#)

[Building Map](#)

[Dismissal Procedures / Parking](#)

[Volunteer Background Check](#)

## Attention Spring Athletes and Families!!

New for the 2024-2025 school year, New Prairie High School Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms and upload the required IHSA Physical Information form for your student-athlete(s) this is required for athletic participation starting in '24-'25.

In order to keep up with all things New Prairie Athletics, be sure to frequently check their website at [npcougars.com](http://npcougars.com)

The logo for FinalForms, featuring the word "FINAL" in a bold, italicized sans-serif font, followed by "FORMS" in a similar font with a red checkmark integrated into the letter "O".

## IMPORTANT DATES

3/6 - Spring Blood Drive

3/9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

3/12 - End of Quarter 3

3/17 - School in session

3/19 - Spring Athletic Parent Night

3/31-4/4 - Spring Break

4/11 - SAT Benchmark Brunch

4/18 - Good Friday - No School

5/3 - NPHS Prom

5/5-5/9 - Staff Appreciation Week

6/1 - Graduation Day

Also, check out [npcougars.com](http://npcougars.com) for athletic dates/times, ticket information, and post-event summaries.

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