



COUGAR NEWSLETTER

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At the start of November, we take a moment to reflect on this school year so far. We are especially thankful for our entire supportive community. The partnership between our students, staff, families, and the wider New Prairie community is the cornerstone of our success, and we appreciate the continuous dedication and positive energy you all contribute. This collective effort is what makes New Prairie a truly exceptional place to learn and grow. We also would like to take a moment to thank all of our Veterans, past and present, for their dedication and service to our country.

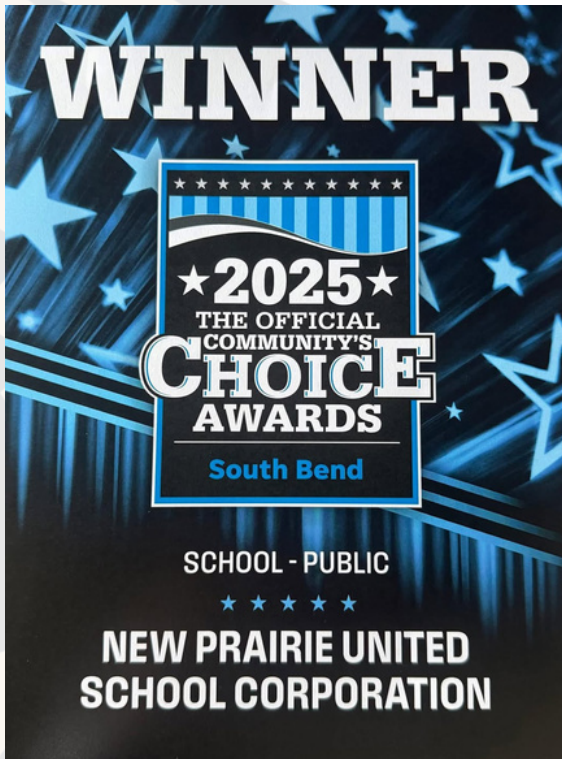
Our commitment to Ensuring High Levels of Learning for All students remains our steadfast focus. This month, our dedicated staff will engage in targeted professional development. This time is critical as it allows us to hone our instructional practices, collaborate on new strategies, and ultimately, strengthen the teaching and learning environment to ensure every student reaches their full potential.

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.

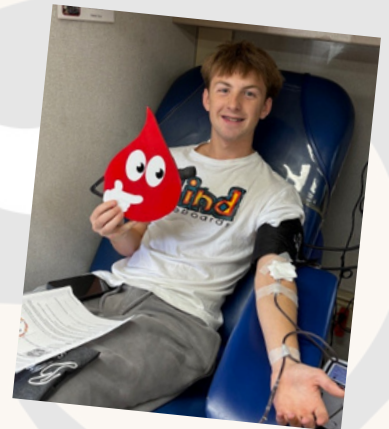


Fall Celebrations!

We are bursting with pride to announce a recent, outstanding recognition: New Prairie High School has been named the South Bend Tribune's People's Choice Top Area Public School! This incredible honor is a testament to the hard work, academic rigor, and vibrant school culture fostered by our students, faculty, and supportive families. It's a wonderful affirmation of the excellence we strive for every single day.

NPHS also successfully hosted a Fall Blood Drive in which 45 units of blood were collected on the bus, potentially saving up to 90 lives!

We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to The Diner for generously providing breakfast for our student and staff donors! Your support keeps our donors fueled and appreciated! Mark your calendars, our next NPHS Blood Drive is January 15, 2026!



Military Alumni Wall of Honor

November is a significant month for honoring those who have selflessly served our country, and at New Prairie High School, we take immense pride in our alumni who have dedicated themselves to military service. Our Military Alumni Wall of Honor stands as a powerful, permanent tribute to their courage, commitment, and sacrifice across all branches of the Armed Forces. It is a daily reminder of the impact our graduates have had, and continue to have, on the defense of our nation. If you are an alumnus who has served, or if you know of a Cougar veteran whose photo and information might not yet be displayed on this wall of honor, we strongly encourage you to reach out to the main office staff. We want to ensure that every New Prairie graduate who has served is properly and proudly recognized for their service to our country.



College Bound Cougars Activities in October

We continued this month with our College Bound Cougars programming, where all students in Grades 9-12 learned about the college process, as well as other career options so that they will be prepared to make the best possible decisions for their futures when they graduate from NPHS. Topics in October included:

Grade 9

Mastering Homework – Students learned skills to help them succeed with homework.

Grade 10

Working Hard – Students learned the value and benefits of hard work.



For more information about College Bound Cougars, contact Tara White, Director of College & Career Readiness at twhite@npusc.k12.in.us.

Grade 11

What Makes Me Unique – Students found the unique qualities they possess, allowing them to begin their post-secondary journey.

Grade 12

Being Career Ready – Students learned that no matter where they are headed after high school, having the skills to be career-ready will help them prepare.

Choosing the Right School – Students explored strategies to help them face the decision of choosing the school that is right for them.



FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA WORKSHOPS

Get expert assistance with the 2026-27 FAFSA—a free step toward financial aid for college!

FAFSA WORKSHOP DATES

- ✓ October 22nd
- ✓ November 5th
- ✓ November 12th
- ✓ December 3rd
- ✓ December 9th

SAVE THE DATE!

- ✓ College & Financial Aid Night
January 28th, 2026



Documents Necessary:

- 2024 Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

AT LA CASA DE AMISTAD
3423 S MICHIGAN ST., SOUTH
BEND, IN 46614
6PM - 7:30PM



TALLERES SOBRE AYUDA FINANCIERA Y FAFSA

Obtenga ayuda de expertos con la FAFSA 2026-27: un paso gratuito hacia la ayuda financiera para la universidad!

FECHAS DEL TALLER DE FAFSA

- ✓ 22 de octubre
- ✓ 5 de noviembre
- ✓ 12 de noviembre
- ✓ 3 de diciembre
- ✓ 9 de diciembre

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

- ✓ Noche de ayuda universitaria y financiera, 28 de enero de 2026



Documentos Necesarios:

- Declaración de impuestos de 2024
- Registros de manutención recibida a favor de los hijos
- Saldos actuales de efectivo, ahorros y cuentas corrientes
- Valores netos de inversiones, negocios y fincas

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GET FREE EXPERT HELP FILING THE FAFSA!

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

2:00PM LOCAL TIME



CollegeGoalSunday.org

INDIANA'S LARGEST FAFSA FILING EVENT

Cougar Connect – NPUSC Online Learning

New Prairie United School Corporation has partnered with Indiana Online to provide virtual courses to New Prairie students. Student must meet eligibility requirements. For students and families exploring virtual learning options, an informational meeting will be held at NPHS on Wednesday, December 3rd. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Brennan, NPUSC Online Coordinator.



Fall Activities Recap

New Prairie High School has wrapped up its Fall Sports/Activity Season. A few highlights include:

- Olaina Schroeder advancing to Regionals in Girls Golf
- Girls Flag Football winning Sectionals and playing in the State Tournament in their inaugural season
- Marching Band competing at ISSMA Scholastic A State Finals earning 12th overall
- Braden Bachmann qualifying for the state championship in Boys Cross Country

Bonus!! Several NPHS students received academic and all-conference honors.

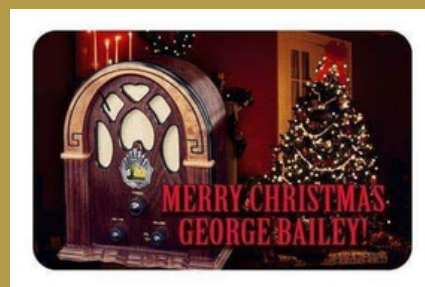
We can't wait to see what our Cougars accomplish next!

FALL PLAY

NPHS presents "Merry Christmas, George Bailey"! This is a live radio show of the holiday classic film "It's a Wonderful Life". Showtimes:

- November 21st at 6pm
- November 22nd at 2pm and 6pm
- November 23rd and 2pm.

Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 for students/seniors. Cash or check at the door only. Refreshments by donation only.



Athletics Online Store

The New Prairie High School Athletic Department has an online store for NP Spirit Wear. You can access the store [here](#).



School Information

In this section, there are a number of key pieces of information to get the school year started right. You can view documents using the links below. Please contact the Main Office if you have any questions.

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

[Military Opt Out Form](#)

[Grade 12 Vaccination Reminder](#)

[Building Map](#)

[Dismissal Procedures/Parking](#)

[Volunteer Background Check](#)

NPUSC District Calendar

In mid-July, the School Board adopted an update to the 2025-2026 School Calendar, including modifying a select number of Late Start Friday dates. [Clicking on this link](#) will take you to the updated calendar located on the NPUSC website.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/10-11/14 - Body Safety Program

11/11 - Veteran's Day

11/12 - Jostens Delivery Date

11/21-11/23 Fall Play

11/26-11/28 - Thanksgiving Break

12/3 - Cougar Connect Information Night

12/5 - Cap & Gown Ordering Deadline

12/8 - FLEX Day

12/13 - NPHS Bands Holiday Concert

12/15 - NPHS Choir Holiday Concert

12/20-1/4 - Winter Recess

1/5 - Teacher Work Day - No Students

1/6 - First Student Day of Semester 2

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

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