

*a culture of excellence*

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## GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM REACH STATE FINALS!

The New Prairie Girls Flag Football team had an amazing first season! The team finished with a record of 11-2 overall which included a 7-1 Northern Indiana Conference record, sectional championship and advancing to the semi finals in the first ever Girls Flag Football state tournament. The team won the Michigan City sectional with wins over Hanover Central, Valparaiso and LaPorte.

The Lady Cougars ended with a deep playoff run at the state finals hosted by the Indianapolis Colts at their practice facility at Grand Park in Westfield. The Lady Cougars were the smallest school to advance to the state finals and won their quarterfinal game against Indianapolis Warren Central. In the semi-final, the Lady Cougars lost a close game that went to the final seconds against Lawrence North.

NPUSC could not be prouder and want to thank the players, families and coaches Shaunna and Matthew Tewell for their leadership. The future of flag football at New Prairie could not be stronger!



## Marching Cougars Head to State Once Again!

The New Prairie Marching Cougars returned to ISSMA Scholastic A State Finals, performing their show Thunderous! This year's group saw the highest score at their opening competition. They then scored second place out of seven bands at the preliminary State competition, advancing them to State Finals.



Band Director Jared Jaggi reflects on the season, saying, "What has been really remarkable about this season are the students." When the team made State Finals last season, the team had a large group of seniors and many students who had previous marching experience. This year was different:

The group had a smaller senior class and a large number of students marching for the first time. This could have presented a problem for New Prairie students, but the group rose to the challenge! Mr. Jaggi continues, "The results of this year proved that we overcame that challenge. This group of students has put in a great amount of dedication and commitment into marching band."

A special thank you goes to the football game crowds for their support throughout each band performance. Mr. Jaggi shares, "We have not really seen a football crowd respond like this before. Even though it may be cliché to think, performing for an audience is what we do, and it was exhilarating to us to see that kind of engagement and support on Friday night football games." Thank you to everyone who watched and cheered.

*Well done to our Marching Cougars! You have much to be proud of.*

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## MISSION

Our purpose is to Ensure High Levels of Learning for ALL Students



## Cougar Connect: New Prairie's New Online School Platform



Partnering with Indiana Online and Edmentum, NPUSC is now providing a tailor-made educational experience called "Cougar Connect." This new online school platform is available for students Grades 6-12 who meet eligibility requirements and program expectations. The program has curriculum aligned with Indiana state standards, classes taught by certified teachers and provides academic support services.

Cougar Connect's flexible and personalized format allows students to choose how many classes they'd like to take. Students are able to do a combination of online and on-campus classes for a hybrid experience that best supports their learning style and individual needs. For example, some students only take one class online while others are fully online with seven courses. For online classes, students can choose live or self-paced classes to build a schedule that fits their lifestyle.

One of the main benefits of this format is that students are able to stay connected to the New Prairie community through still participating in athletics, extracurriculars (such as Art Club, Robotics, Drama Club and more), support services and attend school sponsored events and dances, including prom. Please note that students who participate in IHSAA athletics are required to attend at least one in-person class as per IHSAA rules. Additionally, students are provided with a NP issued iPad to complete their work. Online students are also expected to attend required state testing including iLearn, PSAT and SAT.

If students are interested in enrolling in the program, please encourage them to reach out to their school counselors first. Parents can contact Online School Coordinator Kortney Brennan at [kbrennan@npusc.k12.in.us](mailto:kbrennan@npusc.k12.in.us) or 574-654-0411 for more information and to discuss enrollment eligibility requirements.

## Superintendent's Message



I hope this newsletter finds you well. I'm pleased to share that NPUSC continues to grow and thrive! From launching an online school platform to seeing students succeed in extracurricular activities, we are cultivating a culture of excellence in all areas! This newsletter covers these stories and more.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

*Dr. Paul White,  
Superintendent of New Prairie  
United School Corporation*



## NPUS Pre-Nursing Students Gain Real-World Clinical Experience

New Prairie High School's new pre-nursing program is providing students hands-on experience in real world settings. At the beginning of the school year, all Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students obtain their Basic Life Saving CPR certifications through the American Heart Association. The class then works diligently to master the 72 necessary skills for state testing. In October, students attended the Goshen College Health Sciences Career Fair. Additionally, students go to Hamilton Grove a couple days each week in order to develop clinical relationships with the residents while also building on professionalism and necessary skills.

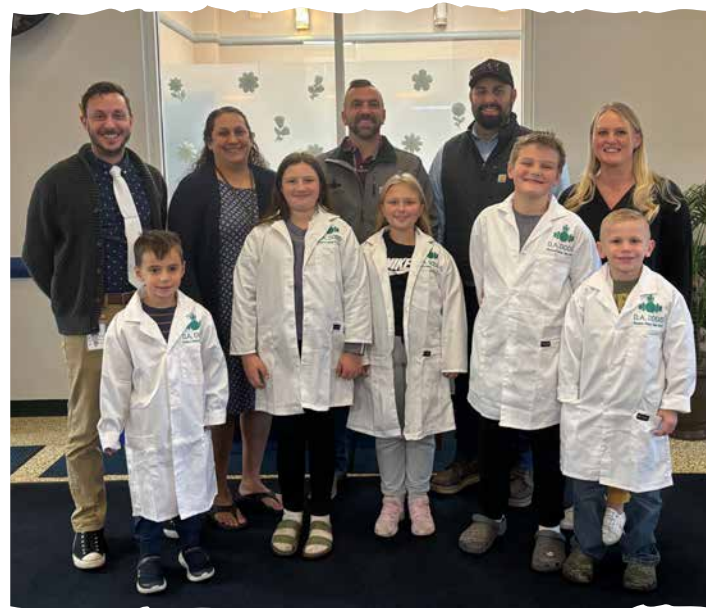
Looking ahead, students will continue to have the opportunity to explore the field of nursing through the IUSB Nursing, Dental and Medical Lab Sciences Tour in January. They will also test their knowledge through their State Skills Test at the NPUS Classroom Lab March 18 and 19 and a State Written Test at Ivy Tech SB March 25.

With each certification earned and clinical experience gained, NPUS students are building a strong foundation for future careers in nursing and healthcare.

## Bringing Science to Life, One Step at a Time

Thank you to D.A. Dodd for generously donating lab coats to Rolling Prairie Elementary this year! The lab coats were used in a series of dissections for K-5th graders this fall as a part of the district's STEM education initiatives.

Rolling Prairie Elementary Principal David Burden shares, "[These coats] were the final piece of the equation as we have acquired dissection specimens, tools and curriculum resources." Through these steps, "Rolling is providing students real-world experiences to explore passions and interests in STEM fields." Thank you again to D.A. Dodd for partnering with NPUSC and making science come to life for students one step at a time.







## PRAIRIE VIEW CLUB: SUPPORTING STUDENTS PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY AFTER SCHOOL HOURS!

New Prairie United School Corporation offers an afterschool K-5 Boys and Girls Club for all district students called the "Prairie View Club" hosted at Prairie View Elementary. Additionally, students in Grades 6-8 can attend the New Prairie Club at the middle school at no cost to families.

### *Programming highlights at Prairie View Club for this school year include:*

- **Game Changers** – This is a new program designed to help club members improve their health and overall well-being while experiencing a variety of sports, games and physical activities that they 1) may not have the ability to play outside of the club, or 2) have never tried before. Sample activities include line dances, hiking in local city and county parks and designing/testing a disc golf course.
- **Ultimate Journey** - This hands-on program teaches STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts in addition to important problem-solving, critical thinking and decision-making skills, all while enjoying the outdoors. After completing each unit, club members receive stamps in their Ultimate Journey passports. The journey concludes with a field trip to a local park/outdoor space and a recognition ceremony for club members completing all units.
- **Stepped-Up STEM** - Each club completes one high level project or experiment per month. Units offered this year have included Animal Habitat Dioramas, Pumpkin Science and Crystal Making. Club members love the chance to make messes while immersing themselves in a topic!


The elementary school program currently has a small waitlist, but there is no waitlist for the middle school program. Please visit <https://www.bgclpc.org/registration/> to start the registration process!

# 25% GIVE BACK


**WHO:** New Prairie United School Corporation for Boys & Girls Club

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 5th, 2026

**HOW:** Show this flyer to our staff and your Organization will receive a 25% giveback of your total purchase



**Full Tilt Arcade & Pinball**  
 Address: 701 N Fair Rd, LaPorte, IN 46350  
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### Interested in Supporting NP After School Clubs?

We would truly appreciate your support to help ensure we are able to offer our New Prairie Clubs for many years to come. You can learn more and help us reach our \$10,000 matching goal at <https://www.bgclpc.org/give/>.

We have a special Give Back Night at Full Tilt on February 5 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Come out and have some fun for a GREAT cause.

~Jen Sass, Ed.S. Curriculum Director K-12





## You're Invited

You are invited to attend meetings of the School Board of NPUSC. These meetings are generally conducted at 6 p.m. CST on the fourth Monday of each month in the Superintendent's Office, 5327 N Cougar Rd., New Carlisle, IN, unless otherwise advertised.

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## COME SUPPORT THE COUGARS!



NPUSC invites all families and community members to come on out and support our amazing Cougars!

For more information on games, please visit NPCougars.com or scan this QR code. This site is updated on a daily basis and includes event schedules, event recaps and thousands of pictures of Cougar student-athletes in action.

