



Week of 8/9/21

Countdown to a new year!

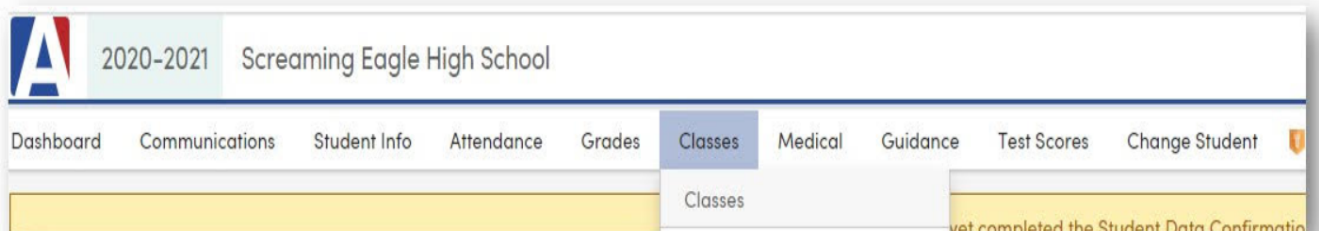
- **First Day of School - Wednesday, August 11th!**
- [2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)
- [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

Data Confirmation/Teacher Assignment - All of the 'traditional' Back to School documents are now completed online through the Aeries Parent Portal. These documents are critical to our ability to have complete information for each of our students. **All families must complete the Data Confirmation documents through the Aeries Parent Portal in order to receive your student's teacher assignment for the new school year. Once completed, you will be able to access your student's account to view their teacher assignment on Friday, August 6th.** Families that do not complete the Data Confirmation documents will not be able to access their student's teacher assignment until these documents are complete. The directions to complete the Data Confirmation documents are available on our [school website](#) or you can email Debby LaPorte at dlaporte@newcastle.k12.ca.us for assistance. The school office will be open for assistance beginning August 2nd from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. We will have computers available to help you complete the process here, or we can guide you through it over the phone. Please contact the school if we can help!

Accessing your child's teacher assignment:

Parent Portal

1. **How come my parents cannot see their teacher on the Demographics Page?**
 - a. This field is hidden for all schools. Parents should be directed to look at the Classes tab in the parent portal



Athletics - We are planning to return to a full schedule of athletic events as a member of the Loomis Basic Athletics League. Please watch for upcoming sports information. You can also contact David Liebert, Athletic Director, at dliebert@newcastle.k12.ca.us for additional information.

Back to School Night - Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 19th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Bus Update - Due to a driver shortage, at this time we are unable to provide bus transportation. Please consider networking with other Newcastle families to carpool.

COVID Guidance Update & Independent Study Option - We know that many families are wondering what our new normal will look like when we return to campus. The fact of the matter is we don't quite have all of that information yet. Our district office sent a letter to CDPH on July 28th regarding the current mask mandate and our upcoming Independent Study Program. You can read the letter [HERE](#). [2021-22 Independent Study Option Form](#)

How you can get involved! First and foremost, keep being awesome parents/guardians! We are so incredibly grateful for our partnership in your child's education! Other ways that you can help include:

- **We need NOON SUPERVISORS!** Student lunchtime supervision is incredibly important. The hours are 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Please email cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you or anyone you know is interested in this paid position.
- **Volunteer in the classroom.** We are back and welcome classroom volunteers! Our primary grades especially need assistance with building our younger student's foundational skills.
- Become a **WORDBUSTER Volunteer.** All Wordbust volunteers will be trained to assist our primary students as they work to master grade-level high-frequency words.
- **We are looking for SHORT TERM INTERVENTION AIDES (6 hours / 4 days per week) and 1 PERMANENT 3.5 HOUR PER DAY STUDENT SUPPORT AIDE (5 days per week).** These positions are absolutely critical to our program! We want to ensure that our students receive the academic support that will help them achieve their very best and you can help us make this happen! Please reach out to Principal Cindy Giove with your questions or to discuss if you can assist in all or a portion of these positions. We are open to all possibilities! Click [HERE](#) to view the job description for the Short Term Aide.
- Please let us know if you can assist in providing an **after-school enrichment experience** for our students. There are so many of you out there with incredible talents and skills that our students would love to explore! We are looking for our talented families and community members to instruct our TK-2 OR 3-5 OR 6-8 students in a variety of enrichment activities. The hope is that anyone committing to an Enrichment Experience would provide six (6), one-hour sessions, for 6 weeks to our students. Ideas include teaching any type of art, no-bake cooking, Truly, the enrichment topics are unlimited! We would love to explore your talents and interests with you and how they can help to enrich the lives of our students!
- **Site Council** - We are looking for parents who are interested in helping us as we determine the future of Newcastle. Site Council members serve simultaneously in Site Council / District Advisory Council and the LCAP Advisory Committee. The description of these three committees can be found [HERE](#). Please email Cindy Giove at cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you are interested in serving our school in this capacity.
- **Classified Substitute** - We are always looking for interested persons who can step in when we have a noon supervisor/Instructional Aide/office staff who is out for the day. Please consider signing up through our district office to substitute in this capacity.

Music Update - Unfortunately, at this time we do not have a music teacher. We are actively looking for an 80% credentialed teacher for this position. We are also looking for someone to teach band before or after school for approximately 5 hours per week before or after school. Please contact cgiove@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you have any leads to help us reconstruct our music program.

Student Classroom Locator:

School Map [HERE](#) Teacher Classroom Numbers [HERE](#)

Student/Parent Handbook - Click [HERE](#) to view Newcastle's Student/Parent Handbook.

Supply Lists - Please look under the Parent tab on our school website <https://nec.newcastledistrict.org/index.html> for supply lists.

Traffic - Due to traffic congestion we respectfully ask that you do not arrive early to pick up your student. Please see the Student/Parent Handbook for specific pick-up & drop-off information. Please consider carpooling whenever possible.

August 2021

Monday, 8/9	<i>NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development</i>
Tuesday, 8/10	<i>NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development</i>
Wednesday, 8/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!● Newcastle Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Thursday, 8/12	
Friday, 8/13	

Upcoming Events:

- 8/16 - Our first Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm for all students in grades 1-8. Please see the Student Schedule (above) for TK/K release time.
- 8/18 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8/19 - Back to School Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 8/20 - Our first safety drills from - 8:15 - 9:45 am
- 8/30 - Vision Screening grades K, 2, 5 & 8
- 9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 9/8 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9/9 - Site Council Meeting 3 pm
- 9/16 - Safety Drill
- 10/4 - 10/8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL
- 10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10/21 - Safety Drill
- 11/10 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11/15-19 - Conference Week
- 11/24-26 - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/17 - Minimum Day 12:10 pm
- 12/20 - 1/3 - Winter Break

Knights Cafe' - Free Meals through June for ALL students! One breakfast meal and one lunch meal are free each school day; seconds can be purchased at full price. For meal charge policy and food service operations, please [click here](#) or request a hard copy. Meal payments and transaction activity can be accessed online via MealTime using your child's Student ID number. Qualified meal applications positively affect our community and have the potential to increase education funding. All eligibility information received is protected by privacy laws and kept confidential. If you're unsure whether you qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals, feel free to contact Cirbie Krslovic at (916) 663-3307 Ext. 2217. [Food Services Information](#)

- Click [HERE](#) to complete a School Application for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals.
- [August Menu HERE](#)

COVID SAFETY:

Please review the COVID expectations listed below as we all work together to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and the larger community. Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:

Exposure to a positive COVID-19 person

Exposure to a person waiting for test results

Exposure to a person experiencing ANY COVID symptoms

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please call the school office if you have any questions about whether your child should come to school, before leaving home.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents: BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

https://ggie.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab_2

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families

https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf

GO KNIGHTS!