



## Week of 9/20/21

### News:

#### **ASB Update - We are VERY PROUD of ALL the students who ran for ASB Leadership positions!**

Congratulations to our newly appointed Associated Student Body Officers for 2021-22:

- President - Jonah Briggs
- Vice President - Brooklyn Parlapiano
- Treasurer - Brenden Hawkins
- Secretary - Lillian Pierson
- Director of Student Activities - Mallery Maxwell
- Director of Student Affairs - Evie Dubendorf
- Director of Student Publicity - Kaylee Hedlund
- 6th Grade Rep - Harper Egge
- 6th Grade Rep - Cash Karpells

**Campus Traffic - A BIG THANKS to all our parents for making the extra effort to help with our traffic on the upper campus!** We appreciate that you have also notified grandparents and other caregivers to arrive at or slightly after dismissal time. When students are released at 1:30 on Mondays and 2:30 Tuesday - Friday, it takes them time to get down to the blacktop so arriving even 3-5 minutes after dismissal is strongly encouraged. Families that live on our side streets are also asking for your support to not use their streets as a parking zone or cut-through. We need parents to self-monitor this process as we do not have the staffing to have a daily monitor. We are getting about 200 students into cars and through the pick-up line in approximately 17 minutes! Thanks in advance for making this work with or without someone there to assist the process. GREAT JOB TEAM NEWCASTLE!

**Enrichment** - Just added, **Newcastle Naturalists** for grades 3-5. See the [Enrichment Flyer](#) for more details.

**Tutoring** - Interested parents may access independent tutoring from the [Del Oro Tutor List 2021-22](#).

**Vandalism** - Parents, like many of our surrounding schools, we have also been the victim of some vandalism in our boy's bathrooms, likely due to the recent Tik Tok Challenge. We are asking for your help to speak with your child regarding this issue. We want our 'home' to be safe and treated with respect for the benefit of all. If our students see something, we ask that they say something, to parents, a teacher, the principal, other trusted adult, or they can use the anonymous reporting button on the front of our school website. Click [HERE](#) for a video about the Tik Tok Challenge.

**Virtual Coffee with the Principal** - Parents are invited to join me via [Google Meet](#) for coffee on Friday, 9/24 from 8:30 - 9:00. I would love to hear from you how things are going at our school.

<b>Monday, 9/20</b>	Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, 9/21</b>	Girls BB Game @ Penryn Elementary 3:15/4:15 pm
<b>Wednesday, 9/22</b>	Safety Drill - Lockdown & Shelter-in-Place Cross Country Meet @ Del Oro 3:45 pm
<b>Thursday, 9/23</b>	Girls BB Game @ Newcastle 3:15/4:15 pm
<b>Friday, 9/24</b>	Virtual Coffee with the Principal for Parents 8:30 - 9:00 am <a href="#">Meet Link</a>

***Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!***  
**Be Friendly & Responsible is the character trait of the month.**

***This Week's Stellar Knights are:***

Luke O.	Mia W.	Emersyn F.	Cori V.	Brianna D.
Kalina B.	Ashley T.	Braden L.	Julia P.	Rocco D.
Coralie J.	Alora B.	Ella V.	Piper W.	Abram B.
Chanel C.	Luca S	Lauren B.	Valerie N.	

**Upcoming Events:**

10/4-8 - October Break - NO SCHOOL

10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10/14 - Site Council Meeting 3:00-4:00 pm

10/21 - Picture Retake/Makeup Day

10/21 - Safety Drill

11/10 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

11/11 - Veterans 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

**Ongoing:**

**COVID Safety** - We must continue to be diligent about the health and safety of our students and staff. **It is imperative that students DO NOT come to school if any of the following are true:**

**Exhibiting COVID symptoms**

**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, and Diarrhea

**Per CDPH guidance, all persons regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks while indoors. This includes all school visitors. Masks are not required outside.** Here is a CDC resource on how to properly wear, remove, and clean masks: [CDC Guide to Masks](#)

**COVID Resources** - Please know that we are working hard to understand the ever-changing guidelines while keeping student and staff safety at the forefront of our decision-making and communications. [HERE](#) is a resource from Placer County that may be helpful.

**Absence Reporting:** If a student is absent from school, the reason for the absence must be reported on the day of the absence. Parents/guardians should provide their student's name, date of the absence, the reason for the absence, and the relationship of the person reporting the absence (e.g. mom, dad).

**There are three (3) ways to report an absence to the school:**

1. Call the office attendance line at (916) 663-3307 then press 3 and leave a message.
2. Email the school office staff.
3. Submit using our website [Absence Reporting Tool](#).

If verification of a student's absence due to illness has not occurred within three (3) school days, the unverified absence will be recorded as unexcused. Per state education code, after three days, an unexcused absence cannot be changed. If a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is required. Students with excessive tardiness, absences and/or habitual truancy may be referred to SARB. The following are the only legal excuses that will be accepted by the office for absences and tardies as outlined in Education Code 48205: 1) Personal illness; 2) Quarantine under the direction of the county or city health officer; 3) Medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments, court appearance; 4) Attendance at funeral services; or 5) Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction in accordance with district policy. *Family trips/vacations are unexcused absences unless an Independent Study contract is granted. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office at least five school days in advance of a trip, regarding Independent Study.*

**Enrichment Classes** - There is still room in a few of the enrichment classes - **6-8 Robotics! 3-5 Gardening! Chess! More on the way!** Click [HERE](#) for more information. Please call or come to the office to sign up.

**Get Involved** - We are currently working on how we can bring volunteers back on campus. At this time we are reviewing safety guidelines including vaccination status and COVID testing requirements. We are hopeful that we will be able to move forward with volunteers soon!

**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. [September Menu HERE](#)

**PTC News** - PTC is so happy to be back celebrating our Knights and we need your help! Sign up today to be an event volunteer or join our PTC board. Turn in the PTC membership form to the office or sign up online at <https://www.ptcnewcastle.org/signup>. *PTC's first meeting of the year is scheduled for 9/9/2021.* Join us!

**Social Media-** [Newcastle Website](#),   

**Campus Traffic** - Please follow the **Car Pick Up Guidelines** below:

- **Do not arrive before 1:30 on Mondays and 2:30 T-F into the school parking lot.** This will allow the TK/K families with no other children to enter the upper parking lot by the flagpole, pick up their child(ren), and exit before the regular dismissal time.
- **ONLY TK/K parents with no other students may arrive early on campus.** TK and Kindergarten parents who do NOT have upper-grade students (grades 1-5) should arrive AT 2:10 and depart BEFORE 2:30. Again, do not arrive early and park in the pick-up line as you also back up traffic.
- Families with TK/K students AND upper-grade students (grades 1-5) should pick up ALL of their children in the lower circle at 2:30 or after (1:30 on Mondays).
- Our neighbors are respectfully asking that you do not block their driveways for extended periods of time so that they can also get in and out.

**IMPORTANT RESOURCES:**  
[Student/Parent Handbook](#).

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

**Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families:** [Supporting Families with PBIS](#)

**GO KNIGHTS!**