



Week of 9/13/21

News:

Campus Traffic - A notice was sent home last week asking for your immediate help to improve our pick-up traffic, especially on the upper campus. It will require everyone to follow the rules, no exceptions. The yellow curbs are for loading and unloading students, not for parking for extended periods of time. People who park will be asked to return at dismissal time. **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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In truth, we do not have the personnel to monitor this daily and no one wants to be the parking lot police, which is why we need you to do your part. It takes all of Team Newcastle to work towards the betterment of everyone!

Enrichment Classes - Robotics! Gardening! Art! Chess! More on the way! Click [HERE](#) for more information. Sign-ups are through the school office.

Spirit Wear - The deadline for ordering was Friday, September 10th. Please contact the Newcastle PTC directly at ptcnewcastle@gmail.com if you would still like to place an order. All payments must be received by 9/15. Spirit wear only comes around twice a year. Proceeds go straight back to Newcastle for school-wide events.

Social & Emotional Wellness - Your child's teacher(s) will be teaching lessons to support social and emotional wellness every Monday morning. Unit 1 focuses on Growth Mindset & Goal Setting. Please ask your student what they are learning in class or reach out to the teacher for more information by grade level.

Monday, 9/13	Early Release Monday @ 1:30 pm
Tuesday, 9/14	Girls BB Game @ HCP 3:15/4:15 pm
Wednesday, 9/15	Cross Country Meet @ Newcastle 3:45 pm
Thursday, 9/16	Girls BB Game @ Newcastle 3:15/4:15 pm Chess Club Meeting in the 600 Building
Friday, 9/17	ASB Candidates Campaign Assembly @ 8:20 grades 4-8 followed by voting

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

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Joseph P.	Gabe W.	Remi L.	Dex K.	Jonah B.
Josi H.	Lakelyn	Sydney B.	Angel V.	Calvin C.
Sutter B.	Henrietta M.	Griffin B.	Jayden R.	Sophia G.
Adolfo M.	Dylan F.	Cabbie H.	Syrah S.	

Upcoming Events:

9/22 - Tentative Safety Drill (Rescheduled from 9/16)

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:

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.*

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.

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!

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!