



## Week of April 26, 2021

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**CAASPP Testing begins this week!** All students in grades 3-8 will be taking the CAASPP test April 27th - May 7th from 8:00-10:15. This is an annual assessment that measures student achievement in language arts, math. Students in grades 5 & 8 will also take the California Science Test (CAST). Our PTC will provide a daily snack. **We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive on time, and be prepared with a charged Chromebook if applicable.**

**California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)** The CHKS will be administering it to students in grades 6 and 7 only on April 29th. All 6th and 7th grade families should have received an email with details about the survey. Any parent wishing to opt their child out of taking the survey needs to complete the Opt Out form and submit it by **THIS MONDAY, 4/26.**

### **Pick-Up/School Traffic SAFETY Reminders -**

- Please do not arrive 20-30 minutes early to pick up your students. It backs up traffic.
- **Have your Newcastle student placard displayed in your car's rear view mirror.**
- DO NOT drive on the wrong side of the road.
- Respect our neighbors - DO NOT use side streets as a shortcut.
- Respect the speed limit through the neighborhood.

**2021-22 Classes Update -** We have heard concerns expressed by some of our parents regarding the possibility of combo classes next year. At this time there are no combo classes scheduled for any grades. Class configurations are currently being planned just as we have this year (1) TK and (2) classes of all other grades 1-8.

**8th Grade Graduation Activities -** We are in the final stages of confirming details for our 8th grade graduation and celebratory activities. 8th grade families will be receiving an update this week!

## April 2021

## Updated In-Person Student Schedule [HERE](#)

<b>Monday, 4/26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Deadline for 6th/7th families to Opt Out of CHKS</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 4/27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CAASPP Testing in grades 3-8 begins 8:15-10:15 am</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 4/28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 Continues</li><li>● 11:00-12:10 Pre-Ordered Bulk Grab &amp; Go Meals available for pickup at the Cafe'</li><li>● <b>11:40-12:10 TK/K dismissal /12:10 - Grades 1-8 Dismissal</b></li></ul>
<b>Thursday, 4/29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 Continues</li><li>● 6th/7th Grades - CHKS</li></ul>
<b>Friday, 4/30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● CAASPP Testing 8:15-10:15 Continues</li></ul>

### Upcoming:

5/3 - 5/7 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

5/7 - CAASPP Testing Ends

5/12 - 8th-grade diagnostic testing in reading & math - PUHSD

5/12 - Board Meeting

5/13 - Site Council Meeting

5/31 - Memorial Day - No School

6/4 - Last Day of School - 12:10 dismissal

***Be Safe, Respectful, Responsible & Chivalrous!***  
***Be Fair is the character trait for April.***

### **KNIGHT OF THE WEEK IS:**

***Emersyn F.***

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

**Rylee S.**

**Rylee D.**

**Drake**

**Sophia G.**

**Amelia G.**

**Lilliana V.**

**Luke H.**

**Bailey K.**

**Olivia M.**

**Ian R.**

**Brody M.**

**Hunter L.**

**Octavio**

**Lillian F.**

**Dakota K.**

**Kamden W.**

**Sydney B.**

**Jacob C.**

**Ava C.**

**Melissa A**

### **Ongoing News:**

**2021-2022 Enrollment Continues** - Registration information can be found on our school website <https://nec.newcastledistrict.org/>. Click [HERE](#) for the NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION. If you reside outside of the Newcastle District you will need to complete a [Request for Charter Admission Form](#) as the first step. Paper packets are also available at the school office.

**Students Arriving Late/Leaving Early and Absence Reporting:** All students arriving after 8:00 am or leaving early must have a parent check them in/out through the school office located on the upper campus. If your student is going to be absent for the day, please notify the school office to avoid having unexcused absences. You may call the office attendance line, or use the [absence reporting](#)

[link](#) on our website. Please include the student's name, grade, and the reason for the absence. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Yearbook:** You may still order a yearbook [HERE](#). The current price is \$36.00. **Upload student photos to <https://images.jostens.com/415474203>.**

### **Knights Cafe':**

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. **Free Meals Through June for ALL students!**

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

**iReady:** To improve student academic achievement, all students in grades K-8 should be engaging in iReady learning for at least 20-minutes each day. Monday & Thursday - reading; Tuesday & Friday - math; Wednesday - math OR reading based on student's greatest area of need.

### **Technology Assistance:**

For Chromebook issues and assistance, please contact our support team at: [support@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:support@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

### **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:**

### **Emergency Rental Assistance for Placer County!**

Many families have been impacted this past year due to Covid, including possible loss of income or housing. Placer County has launched Rent Help Placer – an Emergency Rental Assistance Program that provides financial assistance to eligible low-income renters to pay for past due or current rent and utility payments. Applicants must show a loss in income or other related financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic to qualify. For more details and to start an application, please go to [RentHelpPlacer.com](http://RentHelpPlacer.com). Need help getting started, please contact Lisa Graham at [lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:lgraham@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

### ***Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Resources for Parents***

BERKELEY PARENT SUPPORT DURING COVID

[https://ggje.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab\\_2](https://ggje.berkeley.edu/school-challenges/supporting-learning-and-well-being-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/#tab_2)

CDC PARENT SUPPORT

<https://www.cdc.gov/parents/index.html>

CDC CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/>

CDC COPE WITH STRESS

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/stress-coping/index.html>

### **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) for Families**

[https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12\\_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf](https://assets-global.website-files.com/5d3725188825e071f1670246/5e83b41b7df0210d47588d12_Supporting%20Families%20with%20PBIS%20at%20Home%20FINAL.pdf)

### **Other Resources**

[Placer Health Department Q&A](#)

[Placer County Health Face Covering FAQs.](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios](#)

[COVID Response Scenarios - Spanish](#)

[COVID Symptoms](#)

[Testing Matrix for staff and students](#)

[Newcastle Elementary and Newcastle Charter Safe Reopening Plan](#)

[NES Student Health Screening Form](#)

[211Placer.org](#) (housing, mental health, food, employment, healthcare, transportation, etc.)

[Newcastle School Website](#)

[Newcastle PTC Website](#)

Thank you for your partnership, trust, and support.

**GO KNIGHTS!**