



Week of 8/30/21

News:

ASB/Leadership Election Time! All applications are due by Wednesday, September 1st to Mrs. Ferrera in room 604. No late applications will be accepted. Our elected officers help our school put on amazing events in addition to learning valuable leadership skills that will follow them throughout their academic career.

Picture Day is scheduled for September 9th! Picture packets will be sent home with students on Monday, August 30th. Attached is a [copy of the flyer](#). **The link for online ordering is: mylifetouch.com (enter Picture Day Day ID EVTSZ6WN3), or you can return the order form on picture day.**

August 2021

[2021-2022 Student Schedule](#)

Monday, 8/30	Vision Screening for grades K, 2, 5 & 8 Early Release Monday - TK/K @ 12:10; Grades 1-8 @ 1:30 Cross Country Practice 1:30-2:15 Upper Track Girls BB Practice - 8th/2:00-3:15 7th/3:15-4:30
Tuesday, 8/31	8:15 SOTM Assembly for TK-3 (Amphitheatre) Girls BB Game @ LBCS 3:15/4:15
Wednesday, 9/1	Grade 6-8 ASB Packets DUE to Mrs. Ferrara today! Cross Country Meet @ Placer Elementary 3:45 Girls BB Practice - 8th/3:00-4:15 7th/4:15-5:30
Thursday, 9/2	Girls BB Game @ Franklin 3:15/4:15
Friday, 9/3	Cross Country Practice 7:25am (Meet at flagpole on the lower campus.)

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

This Week's Stellar Knights are:

Grayden P. Cody V. Samuel B. Grace Piper Z. Emma Jonah B.
Kono P Isaiah B. Taylor H. Connor Drew B. Rene T
Ella O. Garrison B. Whitney P. Leona M Emilio V Brianna D.

Upcoming Events:

8/25 - Safety Drills
8/30 - Vision Screening grades K, 2, 5 & 8
9/6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
9/8 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
9/9 - Picture Day
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
10/17 - 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 be prepared to provide their student's name, date of the absence, the reason for the absence and 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 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 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](#)

Enrichment - Gold Country Chess Club 1st - 8th grade. Click [HERE](#) for details.

Get Involved - Contact [Cindy Giove](#) if you are interested in volunteering to our school.

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. [August 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!

SPIRITWEAR is coming and we are so excited! PTC was hoping to sell at back-to-school night so we have some in-stock items ready for delivery. Additional items and sizes will be pre-order and delivered in September. Google order forms will be available next week on our website and emailed to all teachers. We have some fun new options for our Knight families to show your school spirit!

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!