



## Week of 9/6/21

### **News:**

**COVID resources for parents** - With your support, we are all working to maintain student and staff safety so that we can minimize the spread of COVID onto our campus. We greatly appreciate our parent's commitment to keeping students home if they are exhibiting COVID-like symptoms or have had contact with someone who is COVID positive. We understand that COVID protocols including quarantining and testing are confusing and frustrating. 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. **Thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate this together.**

**Enrichment Classes** - Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we are going to begin to provide more in-person enrichment experiences for our students. We are starting with robotics, gardening, and art. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Due to COVID, classes are subject to cancellation and/or being rescheduled. Thank you for your continued patience as we try to return to 'normal' one step at a time. Space is limited. Sign-ups are through the school office.

**Firearm Safety** - An important reminder from the California Department of Education [HERE](#).

**Just for Fun** - If you're looking for a fun family activity, the 2021 Gold Country Fair in Auburn is happening this week, September 9-12. Click [HERE](#) for information. Please stay safe.

**Picture Day is THIS Thursday, September 9th!** Picture packets were sent home with students last week. Attached is a [copy of the order form](#). **The link for online ordering is [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) (enter the Picture Day Day ID: EVTSZ6WN3), or you can return the order form on picture day with your payment.**  
*Please note: there is a picture retake/makeup day scheduled for October 21st. If your student is absent on Thursday, they will get their picture taken at the later date!*

**School Site Council** - The meeting has been rescheduled to 10/14 so that we can include our elected ASB students in our conversations.

**Spirit Wear - Show your Newcastle Spirit!** Now is the time to order spirit wear. All clothing items are pre-order and hats are limited quantities. Order today! All payments must be received by 9/15. Use the official [spirit wear order form](#) attached, or download it [ptcnewcastle.org](http://ptcnewcastle.org). Remember spirit wear only comes around twice a year. Proceeds go straight back to Newcastle for school-wide events. **Go, Knights!**

**Traffic** - Please do not drop off or pick up your student(s) at Harvest Ridge as they begin school this week.

<b>Monday, 9/6</b>	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
<b>Tuesday, 9/7</b>	Girls BB Game @ Newcastle 3:15/4:15 pm
<b>Wednesday, 9/8</b>	Cross Country Meet @ Penryn Elementary 3:45 pm NESD Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Open Session)
<b>Thursday, 9/9</b>	<b>School Picture Day</b> - Lower Gym (600 Bldg) <a href="#">SCHEDULE</a> Girls BB Game @ Loomis Grammar 3:15/4:15 pm
<b>Friday, 9/10</b>	

**The August Character Trait of the Month was Be Friendly.**

**Congratulations to our August Students of the Month for demonstrating friendliness.  
Congratulations to Mrs. Erickson's class for being recognized as the Class of the Month for being so incredibly friendly!**

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|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Lottie Smith           | Cabbie Hohlbein   | Zadie Newby    | Dexter Kibort     |
| Kaleb Weiss            | Felicity Sorensen | Shea Doyland   | Chase Harrer      |
| Johah Williams         | Jacob Anderson    | Sadie Beaumont | Wally Intersimone |
| Jordyn Ottmann         | Kade Perkins      | Zoey Van-Y     | Johnny Wanner     |
| Kaelo Blancas-Sheppard | Tommy Schwindt    | Adele Thomson  | Wyatt Lucero      |
| Camryn Belajic         | Kai Miller        | Rory Somers    |                   |

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

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

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| Sam N.    | Lillie C. | Lane M.    | McKenna W. | Delilah K. |
| Samuel M. | Dalina K. | Whitney P. | Elyse D.   | Jones N.   |
| Adele     | August G. | Sadi C.    | Isla D.    | Bodie S.   |
| Zoe M.    | Landon T. | Chloe R.   | Dylan M.   |            |

**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/16 - Safety Drill
- 9/16 - Chess Club Meeting @ Newcastle - See the link below for more details
- 9/17 - ASB Campaign Assembly & Elections
- 10/4 - 10/8 - **October Break - NO SCHOOL**
- 10/13 - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10/14 - Site Council Meeting 3:00-4:00 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 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](#)

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

**Get Involved** - Contact [Cindy Giove](#) if you are interested in volunteering at 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. [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!**