

FALCON PRIDE

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4th QUARTER

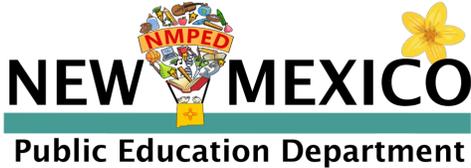
SCHOOL YEAR 2025 – 2026 UPDATE

NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES

As we navigate our way toward the future, change is inevitable, and change will hit Newcomb Middle School beginning School Year 2025 - 2026. A drastic and steady decline in student enrollment in the past couple of years and projections into our near future have highlighted challenges to our current structure. Beginning school year 2025-2026 all sixth graders, will remain at their designated elementary schools becoming Kindergarten to Sixth Grade. Newcomb Middle School will be a Seventh & Eighth grade school. This change will subtract from our current student population even more and changes have to be made to accommodate the lower numbers in student enrollment. These changes will be noticeable when school resumes on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 for school year 2025-2026.

STATE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

April is student testing season in our great state of New Mexico and our students are scheduled to take these assessments beginning with our Eighth Graders who will take the New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. All students are scheduled to take the New Mexico Measures of Student Success & Achievement (NM-MSSA) on Tuesday, April 22 & 23, 2025. The NM-MSSA is New Mexico's summative assessment for Mathematics and English Language Arts. It is imperative that ALL STUDENTS attend school on these important dates as we have a short window for Make-Up testing. Please make sure your child comes to school well rested and ready to take the test when it is scheduled.



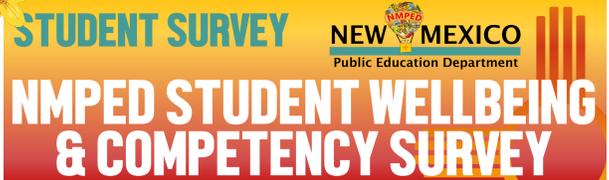
8th GRADE CLASS



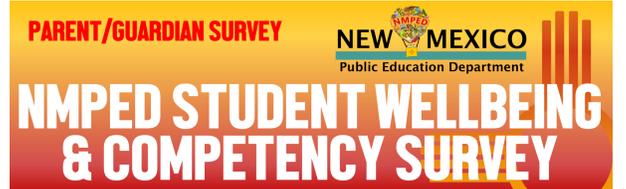
During the 4th Quarter, the NMS 8th Graders will be designing their Next Step Plans and documents for applying for chapter employment and summer programs in preparation for their transition to high school in the fall. The unit will include a student profile, employment survey, participating in presentations from the local chapters' staff, choosing electives and hearing from the high school leadership about opportunities and classes at NHS, building an employment portfolio and interviewing.

This unit is a requirement for all 8th graders and the Next Step Plan is an essential part that outlines what each student has achieved thus far in middle school. We look forward to assisting our students in their academic progress towards graduation; as well as, college, career and vocational pursuits!

SPRING SURVEYS



Friday, April 25, 2025 – All Students



Window: April 25 – May 2, 2025

Students will be given tickets that will need to be signed by parents/guardians when they have taken the survey. The completed tickets turned into the front office will be redeemed with a reward.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Greetings! From your counselor's office,

Oh how quickly the school year flies by! It's an exciting time of year, with only a few weeks remaining. It is also a time that students think they are done for the year. WE ARE NOT YET FINISHED! 😊 Please let your child know to continue to put forth effort in their work and behavior. We want to cross the finish line strong! **May's character trait is Integrity: Integrity is the ability and willingness to live with honesty and excellence.** People who act with integrity make a choice to do the right thing, no matter who is watching. Integrity is the foundation on which we build relationships and trust. Let's make the right and positive choices in the last few weeks of school and make it as amazing as ever!

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Regarding that, if any of our NMS students were to ask me advice, this is what I would say:

- **Breathe** (yes, deep breathes, whenever you can remember to)
- **Take one day at a time**, or even one hour at a time if you have to
- Wake up every day, look in the mirror and tell yourself that you are awesome (even when you feel like dirt)
- **Don't sweat small stuff**, ever, never!
- **Be nice to people**, as often as you possibly can
- **Ask for help when you need it**, offer help when you can
- **If people are unkind to you, do not put it in your heart**, walk away and feel pity that they have to carry that ugliness with them wherever they go
- **Laugh at yourself**, laughing is medicine.
- **Instead of quitting, switch things up**, try something new, do something else
- **Do your best** (your best may look different from day to day)
- **Escape the screens**, be in nature when you can
- **Sometimes it is okay to just do nothing**, guilt free, recharge, nap, listen to music, read a book, pet your dog, shoot hoops, etc.
- **Get healthy amounts of sleep**

NMS OFFICE

REMINDERS:

- No Check-Outs after 2:30 p.m. unless you present a Valid Doctors Appointment Slip.
- ALL Student absences require a **written notice** (Dr.'s Note, Parent/Guardians Note. Etc).
- All MESSAGES for students for after-school routine, like Pickups, ride the bus, change buses, etc. NEED to be requested before 2:30 p.m. This gives us enough time to deliver messages to student(s).
Mon-Fri by 2:30 p.m.
Early Release Day by 12:30 p.m.



NMS LIBRARY



All Library Books are due on Friday, May 2, 2025

FALCON SPORTS

Newcomb Middle School Falcons – Student-Athletes: Thank you for participating in all the sports offered here at our school. We are very appreciative of your efforts and making our athletic seasons a tremendous success. If you have not turned in your athletic jerseys for any athletic sport season, please do so by May 2, 2025.

8th Graders: Good luck in all your future endeavors. May you always remember your early years in athletics, and ALWAYS, make sportsmanship, pride, and teamwork a part of your culture.

6th /7th graders: Start working out and making plans for next Fall by having your **Sports Physicals completed this month** so that will be one less thing to wait for. Continue to keep your academic performance in order. This will develop study and academic performance skills needed for maintaining eligibility. Make sure your Semester 2, end of school year grades have No F's and is above a 2.0 GPA otherwise you will be ineligible for the 1st nine weeks until the grades are brought up by the 2nd nine weeks. Good luck in your next steps, whether it be with NMS Falcons or not. Try to get your sports physical completed before the Fall Season sports begins.

2024-2025 NMS Coaches

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCSD FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

Status of District Department Updates Goals & Objectives Equity Plan

SPRING
April 30, 2025

More Information:
Phone (905) 368-4984

LOCATION:
Newcomb Middle School Gym
5:00 p.m.

NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCIENCE FAIR 2025

MAY 2025

Students who are interested in presenting a Science Fair Project, Please sign-up with Mrs. Marinas in Room 404

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Lead Character Lessons for the Quarter

- **April – Perseverance:** Finish Strong. Work hard and stay determined. *Give extra effort to make it through to the end.*
- **May – Integrity:** Be Lead worthy – Choose to do the right thing, no matter who is watching. *Live with honesty and excellence.*

JUNE 2025

NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER PROGRAM 2025

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Breakfast & Lunch Available
Bus Transportation Available

Sign-Up with Ms. Chato Room: 506

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SY 25/26
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025



End of 4th Quarter Friday, May 23, 2025, Early Release Day – Dismissal @ 1:16 p.m.