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3rd Quarter

January 7, 2025 to March 14, 2025



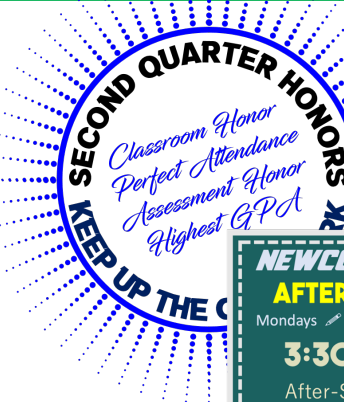
TRADITIONAL SCHOOL STATUS

We Thank You! On behalf of all the efforts from our amazing students, amazing parents/guardians and amazing staff we made great strides to improve our school status from School Improvement Status to becoming a Traditional School Status. The ultimate goal is to become a Spotlight School Status school, this is possible, and it will require even more effort from our students, parents, staff, and community. When we all shift our mindsets to testing mode in April, we need to stay focused, be present, be serious, and take our time during our NM-MSSA ELA & MATH Assessments. These scores communicate to our community how well we are doing among all Middle Schools in the State of New Mexico. We want to say a special thank you to our last year's 8th Grade Class, this change in status is also a direct result of your efforts. We will continue to build on all these efforts as we move forward.



SECOND QUARTER ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, we celebrated our Academic Achievements for our second quarter. Students were presented with award certificates to celebrate their academic achievements. Awards were presented for 2nd quarter Attendance, Highest GPAs, On-Target/Proficient/Advanced student assessment Middle of Year Assessment (MOY) results, Citizenship, & Class Subject Honors. Congratulations to our Honor recipients. We hope to present even more honor certificates in March 2025, for our 3rd quarter academic achievements. Keep in mind we offer after-school tutoring for those students who may want more time or help with their classroom assignments. There is also a direct correlation between attending classes every day and high academic achievement.



NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL
AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
Mondays / Tuesdays / Wednesdays / Thursdays
3:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.
After-School Snack Available
After-School Activity Buses Available
Sign-Up with Mrs. Marinas Room# 404

SPRING ASSESSMENT SEASON

APRIL 2nd
NM-ASR
SCIENCE
READINESS
8th Graders Only

Greetings! From your counselor's office, 3rd Quarter is when we will have to stay focused on your school work. Testing for our 8th graders will begin on April 2nd, with the 8th Grade Science State Assessment. All students will be testing on April 9th, and 10th, 2025 with the NM-MSSA Summative Math/ELA Assessment.

April 2nd – NM-ASR Summative Science Assessment (8th Grade Only)

April 9th – NM-MSSA Summative ELA Assessment (All Students)

April 10th – NM-MSSA Summative MATH Assessment (ALL Students)

May 6th – MATH - EOY Cognia (All Grades)

May 7th – ELA - EOY Cognia (All Grades)

Students should be in school daily to prepare for the upcoming assessments. The day before an assessment, please help your child by getting them to bed early, make sure to have them eat breakfast, be in school on time, attend the designated assessment day.



NM - MSSA

APRIL 9-10
NM-MSSA
ELA/MATH
ASSESSMENT
ALL GRADES

NM-ASR

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

NEXT STEP PLAN

8th Grade Students & Parents/Guardians



The New Mexico Public Education Department realizes the value in the Next Step Plan (NSP) process and how it supports our 8th Grade students' college and career goals. Every spring, we have each 8th grade student do a personal, written plan. The purpose of this plan is to target the students' post-secondary interests, and set forth the studies he or she will complete during high school in order to be on track for graduation. Later this semester, parents/guardians of 8th graders will have an opportunity to review and sign their child's plan. We look forward to working with you on this.

Upcoming Activities:

National School Counseling Week – February 3 – 7, 2025

Middle School students will be pre-registering for next school year's electives soon. Parents, be on the lookout for your child to bring home the course registration form.

Spring Tests/Assessments:

April 2nd - 8th Grade Science Test

April 9th -10th – ALL Students. The BIG Test! NM-MSSA!

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids



Habit 1- Be Proactive: You're In Charge

I am a responsible person.
I take initiative.
I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods.
I do not blame others for my wrong actions.
I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind: Have A Plan

I plan ahead and set goals.
I do things that have meaning and make a difference.
I am an important part of my classroom and school.



Habit 3- Put First Things First: Work First, Then Play

I spend my time on things that are most important.
I say no to things I know I should not do.
I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan.
I am self-disciplined and organized.



Habit 4- Think Win-Win: Everyone Can Win

I want everyone to be a success.
I don't have to put others down to get what I want.
When a conflict happens, I look for a third solution.
I believe that we all can win!



Habit 5- Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood:

Listen Before You Talk
I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.
I try to see things from their viewpoints.
I listen to others without interrupting.
I share my opinions and ideas.



Habit 6- Synergize: Together Is Better

I know that everyone is good at something.
Everyone needs to get better at something.
We can all learn something from each other.
Working in groups helps to create better ideas than what one person can do alone.



Habit 7- Sharpen the Saw: Balance Feels Best

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep.
I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school.
I take time to help others.



Lead Character Lessons for the Quarter



January – Respect: Give honor and value to ourselves and others. *Respect for life, for property, for parents, for elders, for nature, and for the beliefs and rights of others.*

February – Kindness: Be Friendly and Compassionate – *model kindness and empower your children to show compassion to those around them.*

March – Courage: Develop strength to face something difficult – *Courage is a choice to push through fear, self-doubt, and anxiety to do things that feel hard or frightening.*



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.
Main Phone (505) 696-3434



SCHOOL BASE HEALTH

Newcomb Middle School participates in School Base Healthcare. Students with permission from parents/guardians are given the opportunity to see a Doctor. Services provided include basic health consultations, vaccination clinic, and sports physicals. Parents/Guardians who are interested in this service can contact our Health Office Team to Schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

(505) 696-3434

Suann Notah, NMS Health Aide

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Thursday, February 13, 2025
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Regular School Day)

Friday, February 14, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NO SCHOOL

NMS STUDENT COUNT DAY

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Critical Funding is calculated based on this student Count Day. Bus Riders should ride the Bus on this Day.

End of 3rd Quarter; Friday, March 14, 2025