

# FALCON PRIDE

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1st Quarter  
August 16, 2021 to October 21, 2021



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Yá'át'ééh Falcon Parents/Guardians:

With the feeling of fall in the air, there is a renewed sense of energy and excitement at Newcomb Middle School. We would like to extend our appreciation to all parents/guardians for trusting us with your child and having them come back for in-person learning. They have been in school for six weeks now and they have adjusted back to their daily routine. We are still following the NM PED COVID-19 Toolkit to ensure all safety precautions are used for our students and staff. We appreciate parents/guardians helping us by keeping their child home if they have symptoms. We greatly appreciate your help.

We started our afterschool program and they are held from Monday through Thursday each week. Transportation and snacks are provided. If you feel your child can benefit from our afterschool program, please contact Dr. Del Rosario at 505.696.3434 between 1:00 -1:45 p.m. daily. Our students had been out of in-person learning for over one year and we are using this program to help them to catch up on their reading and math skills.

In addition, to our afterschool program each Friday we have an Extended Learning Time Program (ELTP). The purpose of this program is to provide additional help to students in reading and math. Each content area is focused on improving reading skills. At the end of the day, we have several activities related to Green School projects. Our goal is to have each class involved in a project-based learning. Also, we are including Navajo language and culture school wide. We would like to involve parents, guardians, and communities in our project-based learning. This past summer, we did a gardening project and it was very successful and we are harvesting our crops at this time. Our next project is to make planters out of old tires. The students will be painting the old tires. We plan to plant shrubs and flowers in the tires.

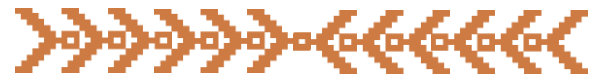
Our 8th grade students will be developing their Next Step Plans for entering high school. Our district has implemented a Graduate Profile and this is one of the goals for middle school. Our school counselor will be taking the lead in this project. In prior years, we used to start working with our 8th grade students and parents in the fall with fundraising for their end of the year field trip and promotion. However, due to the restrictions on food sales we are not able to do any fundraising due to the pandemic at this time. We are open to creative recommendations for the 8th grade promotion. This student activity is fully funded by fundraising activities.

We are recruiting for a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). If you are interested, please contact Ms. Kristy Wilkinson Assistant Principal at 505.696.3434. There are many ways parents and guardians can help our school. Let's work together.

Our district has a Food Pantry. If you know of families who need assistance, we can take their names and phone contact number to share with the district staff who coordinate the pantry. Other help and support our district provides is with student school supplies. Our school gave out a large package of school supplies to each student last week. Also, I want to remind parents to submit your application for school clothing with the Navajo Nation. We posted the flyer on NMS Facebook for contact information. Lastly, we are providing a HP Chromebook for students who are registered in our district's virtual learning program.

Lastly, we did a 20-Day Attendance Challenge which started on August 17 and ended on September 17. As the days went by we observed more students participating in the attendance challenge. Our goal was to improve attendance. For most of our students, it's been more than a year since they stepped into a classroom. We are planning another challenge for our students for the second quarter.

For more information, contact Ms. Ethel M. Manuelito, Principal by calling 505.696.3434. Ahehee'



## NMS COVID SAFETY

## HEALTH ROOM



### FACE MASKS

Face Mask are required by all people on school premises.

### HAND SANITIZER STATIONS

Hand Sanitizer dispensers are located throughout our building in our halls.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

- 6 ft. Gym/Outdoors
- 3 ft. Classrooms/Cafeteria

### SURVALLANCE TESTING

Random students/student athletes are selected to participate in COVID-Testing.

NMS In-Person Learners it is important for you to self-screen your health in the mornings before school. **Are you feeling well?** If you are feeling ill for any reason it is best that you stay home for the learning day. Please give our school a call after 7:30 a.m. to let us know, that you will be out for the day to be considered as "Excused Absence".

Front Office (505) 696-3434

### STAY HOME IF YOU ARE EXPERENCING

#### FEVER

A temperature of 100.4 or higher is considered a fever and your child should stay home.

#### CHILLS

If you are experiences chills off and on it is best you stay home for the learning day.

#### COUGHING

During the pandemic, it is best you stay home if you have a persistent cough.

#### VOMITING & DIARRHEA

If you are vomiting/experiencing diarrhea, it is also best if you stay home for the learning day.

#### RUNNING NOSE/SNEEZING

During the pandemic, it is best if we do not touch our faces while we are in public settings. It is best you stay home for the learning day.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Greetings! From your counselor's office, one of our focuses for this school will be college and career readiness. Middle School can be the first step to start thinking about what kind of future you may want in regards to a future career. Thanks to Newcomb High School's College gallery walk, we did a walk through during our 2<sup>nd</sup> period classes on, Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Our students did a quick walk through and visited some college booths to be introduced to colleges in our area.



On Friday, September 17, 2021 – NMS distributed school supplies to all students. These supplies were ordered and purchased by our district's curriculum and instruction department for all students of CCSD.



# HP CHROMEBOOKS

All students have been given the opportunity to use a New HP Chromebook for the School Year. Parent/Guardian permission is required before a laptop can be assigned to a student. These devices are to be used for educational purposes only.

### KEEP in Mind

- These devices will be used for student testing purposes.
- Students will need to handle with care.



# GREEN SCHOOLS

NMS Green Schools, first project for SY 21/22 is underway, it is planned out and ready to implement. We are just waiting for our orders of paint to come through the ordering process. We want to Thank You, to those who donated old tires to be used for planters for our project.



**NMS HP Chromebooks Update**  
All Students are currently assigned a designated Chromebook. Students will keep their laptops in their 7<sup>th</sup> hour classrooms. Permission can be given for overnight or weekend checkouts.

# STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

This School Year 2021- 2022, our "Parent & Teacher Conferences" will now be known as "Student Led Conferences". Every student should have started working on their personal data folders to present for their parents/guardians at the conferences. Students and their parents/guardians are required to attend. There will be NO SCHOOL on this day.



# NMS/NHS FLU VACCINE CLINIC

**FIGHT FLU**  
Get a flu vaccine!

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**  
**Newcomb High School**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Flu Vaccination Clinic available for all CCSD students and staff.

Parent/Guardian Consent is required for students. Interested students and staff can pick up a CONSENT form from our Health Room before Tuesday, September 28.



**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**