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# NPA: IN THE LOOP

Updates to parents and students of Northland Preparatory Academy



## Yearbook Deadlines Are Approaching

The NPA Yearbook has some upcoming deadlines for seniors and for staff and all students. On February 8th, Senior Recognition ads are due. Please use the following site to buy and create an ad for your senior: [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

On February 26th, Portraits for all students and faculty/staff are due. An email will go out this week with specific instructions regarding this process.



## OVERVIEW:

- Yearbook Deadlines
- Current Events Group
- Counselors In Classrooms for ECAP
- CEC News

### Upcoming Events:

- 2/8 Senior Recognition Ads Due
- 2/12 In-service training for faculty/ No school for students
- 2/15 President's Day - No School
- 2/17 Current Events Group will begin
- 2/26 Student/Faculty Portraits for yearbook
- 2/27 MS Lunch Social
- 4/6 ACT will be given

## Current Events Group Starting Soon

by Erin Gilmore

With all that is happening in our world, NPA Counseling has decided to collaborate with NAU Counseling Practicum Students to offer a group to high school students (9-12th graders) to discuss current events with Social Justice woven throughout.

The group will be capped at no more than 12 students and will be first come, first serve. If there is a large enough demand, we will host another group, same topic.

Groups of this nature are held once a week for 10 weeks. While NAU counseling students will take the lead, NPA Counselors will be present to help facilitate conversations.

Conversation topics will be set for each meeting and based on factual information, not opinion.

Please contact Ms. Wiggins at [gwiggin@northlandprep.org](mailto:gwiggin@northlandprep.org) to let her know you are interested in participating in this Current Events Group. She will then contact all students with more details.



## Starting a Group

by Erin Gilmore

If students are interested in starting a group on a specific topic, please reach out to the counseling staff and pitch your idea. We are here to help and want to create a space and environment where all of our students feel valued.

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## MS Lunch Socials

By Erin Gilmore

Middle School Stuco and Ms. Wiggins are trying to find ways for students to connect and have social opportunities online that resemble lunch together. The idea is not necessarily to eat but to socialize with faculty supervision.

Another MS Lunch Social is scheduled for February 27th. Please watch your email for details about time, day and link.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Wiggins at [gwiggin@northlandprep.org](mailto:gwiggin@northlandprep.org).

## Counselors In Classrooms for ECAP

by Erin Gilmore

On February 4th & 5th, Counselors will be in *all* Junior English classes to go over Resume writing with our Juniors. We will be utilizing AZCIS as our online platform to maintain student portfolios. This resource allows for student to update their resumes as the living document that they are as they continue to get involved in new leadership activities, jobs, or other relevant experience throughout their high school career.

Often, College and Universities allow students to add their high school resume to their application and/or admissions packet. These can also be used for future job searches.

Additionally, NPA Counselors will be in all Junior History class the following week to discuss college planning and to show students how to use AZCIS and other online resources to conduct a college search comparing and contrasting a multitude of different aspects of a school: financial, programs offered, etc.



Counselors will continue to go into classrooms for each grade 8-10th, in order to meet ECAP (Education Career Action Plan) goals.

Topics will include:

- Four year plan and graduation requirements
- Career Inventory/Interest Profiler
- Reality Check (finances)
- Introduction to resumes



## Stay Connected with NPA Families – CEC Zoom Meetings

By Stephanie Kohnen, CEC

All are welcome to attend upcoming meetings of NPA's parent volunteer group, the CEC. We'll be talking about ways to support our school, get an update from Governing Board members, and check in with one another.

Meetings are currently held on Zoom.

- February 16 (Tues.) at 1 p.m.
- March 9 (Tues.) at 1 p.m.

Email Stephanie Kohnen at [NPACEC@northlandprep.org](mailto:NPACEC@northlandprep.org) to get Zoom link prior to the meeting.

## Season of Gratitude

By Stephanie Kohnen, CEC

Gratitude is a big focus of NPA's parent volunteer group (the CEC). Before the winter break, our group gave each staff and faculty member a travel cup filled "spirit warming" treats (tea, honey, a lemon, cookie, etc.) as a reminder that they mean so much to us. Our faculty and staff were also mailed a \$20 gift card to Bright Side Bookstore. We wanted them to know that we have noticed their hard work. We are grateful.

A big thank you to Angela Oravits and her family for putting together the 71 holiday cups of treats. Thank you also to NPA families whose donations of funds and volunteer hours make CEC appreciation activities possible.

## The CEC Received a Gift!

By Stephanie Kohnen, CEC

In December, the CEC received an unexpected (and very generous) gift from an NPA family who wanted to show their appreciation for our school. Thank you so much!

Rest assured, members of the CEC will do our best to



use these and funds from other families to make our school a better place to study and work. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, weekly staff and faculty meetings open and close with drawings for restaurant gift cards. NPA families donated to a fund at the start of the year to support the gift cards for the lucky winners.

## NPA Spirit Store Open Online

By Stephanie Kohnen

Yay snow! Time for a new hoody or other item of Spartan gear?

Visit <https://www.npaspiritwearstore.com/>

As always, any purchases from NPA's Spirit Wear store support CEC activities to support NPA. Thank you for shopping!

