

NP³ Middle School Counseling Newsletter

Quarter 2

College Knowledge

Earlier this month 8th grade students experienced our local CSU as we explored and toured Sacramento State University! All students and 8th grade teachers were guided throughout campus by professional student tour guides. The tour was a ton of fun and allowed our middle school kids to observe life as a Sac State student, while having all questions answered by current college students. It is never too early to begin college and higher educational aspirations!



ATS Testing at CSU Sacramento

Students are invited to participate in Sacramento State's Academic Talent Search (ATS) Program! ATS provides 4th through 9th graders a preview of college through fun, interactive, and unique summer courses held in University classrooms and labs. Courses cover traditional subjects as well as new and creative topics not always available in regular school.

ATS has two summer programs: one for 4th-5th grades, and one for 6th-9th grades. 4th and 5th graders can explore hands-on classes design to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills while engaging with other students who share their enthusiasm for learning. 6th through 9th graders can accelerate their learning in traditional subjects and discover college majors and potential career paths as they gain self-confidence and independence in a university environment. ATS students have access to many university facilities like the library, University Union, Hornet Bookstore, and campus eateries!

To join in on this fun and unique opportunity, students take a short exam that automatically qualifies them for the program. No test preparation is required since it is not a "pass or fail" test. NP3 will be offering testing on Feb 7th. For more information about signing up to take the test, contact your school counselor. For more information about ATS, visit their website at csus.edu/experience/anchor-university/academic-talent-search/

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NP³ SCHOOLS?

NP³ Elementary

NP3 MS's "Overbooked" enrichment class came to read to our 2nd and 3rd graders on Wednesday, December 4.

NP³ Middle

MS 8th grade students toured CSU Sacramento on Friday, Dec 6th. 7th grade students presented their career fair projects on Dec 11th.

NP³ High

High school counselors visited 9th and 10th grade English classes to discuss mental health topics and provided resources.

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Attendance

Did you know that missing near 10% of the school year may lead to negative academic performance? In the Sacramento area alone, 1 in 10 students 6th- 8th grade are chronically absent. This is equivalent to missing two days of school per-month, for any reason. Chronic absenteeism may lead to higher stress levels, poor test scores, and even dropping out of school all together. Feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns about the new NP3 attendance policy. You may also view the policy on our website.



High School Planning

Join our high school Administration, counselors and teachers for 8th grade information night! The NP3 community is known for being a top educational environment in the State of California. The award winning programs and opportunities that come with an equitable school culture and climate are available for all students and families enrolled. The high school counselor to student ratio is among the best in the nation, while providing a personal and meaningful experience for all students with future goals or aspirations to attend higher education. Come join our high school staff for future planning. 8th grade information night will include Advanced Placement (AP), college prep, A-G requirements, standardized test scores, college rates, AP scores, and possible awards and scholarships, Also included is information on our Advisory program, highlighting relationship building, and all academics. Save the date on February 11th.

Career Fair 2019

The NP³ 7th grade class has focused on career knowledge and readiness throughout Quarters 1&2 in advisory class. Students were assigned careers/ professions to research and create a presentation for our Career Fair 12/11/19. Our 7th graders went above and beyond with some amazing information and presentations!! Great work 7th grade team!

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