## NP<sup>3</sup> Middle School Counseling Newsletter Quarter 2

#### 8th GRADE: UPCOMING Q3 DATES TO NOTE

Our 8th grade pirates are embarking on their last year at NP3 Middle and we want to ensure we communicate details pertaining to both promotion and supporting your child's transition to NP3 High.

JANUARY 27: NP3 High Showcase Rally

**FEBRUARY 7**: Shadow day at NP3 High

**FEBRUARY 16**: Incoming 9th NP3 HS Info Night

**FEBRUARY 21-24:** NP3 High Counselors visit 8th grade classes

# **FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 10:** NP3 High scheduling window open for 8th graders with 8th grade

graders with 8th grade students

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**MARCH 17-21:** DC/NYC trip for those registered

#### Happenings Around Campus

6th - Counselors are working with the 6th graders on navigating new friendships, finding success while balancing multiple classes, and developing a stronger sense of self.

<u>7th</u> - We loved working with the 7th graders to explore possible college and career pathways. The students took the Onet Interest Profiler and researched recommended career choices based on their interests and personalities. Please ask them about the results.

<u>8th</u> - We are having a great time talking with the students about their transition to high school. We will continue to partner with the High School Counselors to ensure a seamless transition.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NP3 SCHOOLS?

## NP<sup>3</sup> Elementary

On January 30th, the middle school counselors will do a meet and greet with the 5th grade students and review Shadow Day. On February 9th, all 5th grade students will have the opportunity to visit our campus and meet some of our current teachers, students and staff!

### NP3 High

The high school counselors will be visiting all 8th grade advisory classes to do a meet and greet during Q3. On February 7th, the 8th grade students will have Shadow Day, where they will visit the high school campus to prepare for the upcoming years!

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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.

# Warmest thoughts and best wishes to our wonderful NP3 families!



#### 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 course descriptions, Advanced Placement (AP), 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 16th.

#### Career Fair 2022

The NP<sup>3</sup> 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 on 12/8/22. Our 7th graders went above and beyond with some amazing information and presentations!! Great work 7th grade team!