

GET INVOLVED AT NPI

There are multiple benefits to encouraging your child's engagement in sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities.

1. Improves Self-Esteem and Builds Interests and Skills
2. Better Mental Health
3. Positive Habits

As a school district, we want to help students reach their full potential. Below is a list of clubs that are available to all students here at NPI.

Year Round Clubs

Robotics

Mr. Stant is in charge of Robotics. Students will design and create models to complete tasks in a Winter/Spring competition(s). We meet weekly for an hour after school. Each student fee (\$100) covers a shirt, competition materials, and at least *two* competitions. Spacing allows for 10-20 students PER grade level. BOTH grade levels will meet on Mondays 2:45p-4:30p. *Note: in the event a team qualifies for Worlds (beyond state competition) in late April/May, we will make every effort to fundraise for travel expenses per family.*

Visions Choir

Sponsored by Mrs. Ray, each year up to 70 students in both 5th & 6th grade are accepted following auditions in the fall. Students meet every Tuesday after school until 3:30p during both the first and second semesters. There are two performances at school, the Holiday Concert in December and the NPI Student Showcase in April. There is also a field trip performance at the Artsgarden planned for December.

Student Council

Ms. Anderson will assist 5th and 6th-grade elected students from each homeroom class to become more involved in their school and community while demonstrating leadership and the importance of being a good role model. Students must maintain good standing in both academics and behavioral conduct. Some of the responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Riley Hat Day, Bus Passes, Food Drive/Pantry, Friday Night Live, Concessions at JH and HS events, speaking up for change within the school or community, and much more.

The NPI Post - Student Newspaper

Created by students, for students, our newspaper covers school events, student spotlights, sports, club news, opinion pieces, comics, and more. Whether you're a writer, artist, photographer, or just love staying in the know, the school newspaper is a great way to stay connected and have your voice heard!

Chess Club

Sponsored by Miss Wilson, the New Palestine Intermediate Chess Club is a fun and educational club that meets every Tuesday after school in Miss Wilson's room. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to play chess, explore various strategies, and enjoy engaging activities. Whether they are new to chess or looking to refine their skills, this club offers a supportive environment where they can develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while having a great time.

Beginner's Spanish Language and Culture

The Beginners Spanish Language and Culture Club meets on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 for 10 sessions in the 1st semester and 10 sessions in the 2nd semester. Mrs. Tefft will offer students the chance to learn basic Spanish through engaging activities. They will practice speaking and listening by participating in simple conversations, games, and songs. Additionally, students will delve into the rich cultures of Spanish-speaking countries, gaining a deeper appreciation for their diversity.

New Pal Life

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New Pal Life is a fun faith-based group that meets every Wednesday morning. Students will enter through door # 10 at 6:30am (please do not drop off before 6:30 am). Students will gather in the gym for games, speakers, small groups, and LOTS of fun! Following their Facebook page for updates and/or cancellations: NewPalLifeNP.

5th/6th Grade Art Studio Sessions

Visions Art is an after-school club run by Ms Long that will explore a variety of mediums. Art Sessions are designed as “make and take,” and vary from one to four after school meetings to complete their art. All skill levels are welcome.

Fall Clubs

Visions Ring

Sponsored by Mrs. Ray, each year 22 students in both 5th & 6th grade audition in the fall. Students meet every Thursday after school until 3:30p during the fall semester only. This group will perform at the Holiday Concert in December. There will be other potential performances in December.

Spell Bowl

Sponsored by Mrs Jefferies, students independently sound out and write down a memorized or practiced set of words. Spacing allows for 10-12 students total, following an audition. There will be a competition in November.

Archery

Mr. Stoffel and Mr. Brinker are the archery club's sponsors. The archery program's mission is to teach safety, focus, self-control, discipline, and patience. Tryouts are held near the end of September and the beginning of October. Those qualified 6th graders will practice on Mondays and 5th graders will practice Thursdays. The cost is \$60 for reimbursement of materials. There are several competitions throughout the year, with a possible qualifying state tournament at the State Fair Grounds.

Winter Clubs

M.A.T.H Bowl

Students complete several Math questions as a small group at varying difficulty. M.A.T.H. Bowl is run by Mrs. Koontz where placement is based on tryouts, allowing for 12-14 students TOTAL. MATH Bowl meets twice weekly from late January through early April. The club participates in the state tournament in the spring.

Spring Clubs

Drama Club

Sponsored by Mrs. Ray, students in both 5th and 6th grade will audition in late fall. Students meet on Thursdays until 3:30p, during the spring semester only. Some extra rehearsals will be added on Tuesdays and Wednesdays closer to the performance date. The job within the drama club determines days, and some jobs will only need to attend a couple of practices. This group will perform a play, musical, or series of short performances at the Student Showcase in April. This club will not only consist of actors, but also lighting and sound technicians, wardrobe, advertising, scriptwriting, leadership, artists, and set and prop design and building. *Keep in mind that even though this club is primarily in the Spring season, there is a lot of preparation. Thus, auditions are held in the Fall.*

Running Club

Running Club is run by Mrs. Ulrey and is open to ALL students who enjoy being outside. Students run or walk the NPJH track or cross country course. This is not for competition. The club lasts about an hour once a week, starting after Spring Break.

Garden Club

Mrs. Walker will assist about 20 students in understanding the importance of growing their own food, like herbs and vegetables, as well as the basics of gardening. Our group will work with the local Girl Scouts to maintain the established pollinator garden on school grounds. Students will gain valuable skills in gardening, they can use for a lifetime.

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