



NCMS Family Newsletter

Week of October 19, 2026

Dear NCMS Families, Guardians, and Caregivers,

**Nighthawks
SOAR!**

OUR FINAL
caaspp
SCORES ARE HERE!

WE CONTINUE TO BE
#1 **#1** **IN REGION NORTH**
AND AMONG THE
TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS
IN THE ENTIRE LAUSD!

Our final CAASPP scores are here!
These results reflect the hard work of our students,
the dedication of our staff, and the strong partnership
of our families.

Thank you for supporting our Nighthawks!

Thank you, Nobel Families! ♥
GO NIGHTHAWKS!

GREEN & WHITE 8TH GRADE GAMES

Keeping a cherished Nobel tradition strong

IMPORTANT UPDATE Due to an unforeseen logistical challenge, **one** scheduled Green & White Game was canceled on Friday, October 16.

The annual Green & White Games have been a cornerstone of Nobel's school spirit and community for many years. We sincerely appreciate our PE Department's dedication to organizing these memorable experiences and remain committed to preserving this special tradition for our eighth graders. Due to an unforeseen logistical challenge, **one** scheduled Green & White Game was canceled on Friday, October 16. **All other planned eighth-grade activities, including the Turkey Bowl on November 13 and Grad Night, remain on our calendar!** I have also shared a reassuring message directly with our eighth graders through Schoology, reinforcing our commitment to making their final year at Nobel a positive and memorable experience. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we work together to keep our Nighthawk traditions strong!

We continue to keep the safety of our students at the front and center of our priorities. This past week, our school participated in the **Great California ShakeOut Drill**, providing students and staff with an important opportunity to practice earthquake safety and emergency evacuation procedures. These exercises are an essential part of our commitment to ensuring that our school community is prepared to respond safely and effectively in the event of an emergency. I am proud of the teamwork, cooperation, and responsibility demonstrated by our students and staff throughout the drill. A special thank-you to the families who have already updated their emergency contact information!

Keeping Emergency Contact Information Current

In an emergency, having accurate contact information is essential to ensuring we can reach families quickly and reunite students with their loved ones safely.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to verify that your contact information and your child's emergency card are up to date. You may update your information through the following options:

- [LAUSD Parent Portal](#): Review and update your contact information.
- [Emergency Information Form](#): Complete the form and submit it to the Attendance Office.
- [LAUSD Enrollment Portal](#): Complete the required information under *Annual Forms*.
- **In Person**: Pick up a paper copy from our Attendance Office.

For assistance, please contact our Attendance Office:

- **Ms. Claudia De La Torre**: claudia.x.delatorre@lausd.net
- **Ms. Betzabel Rebollo**: betzabel.rebollo@lausd.net

Celebrating Academic Excellence – October 26 & 27

I am delighted to announce our upcoming [Medalist and Principal's Honor Roll Celebrations on October 26 and 27](#), recognizing our seventh- and eighth-grade students for their outstanding academic achievements based on their spring semester report cards. We look forward to honoring their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to academic excellence! Invitation letters are distributed during Advisory, and students may check the recognition lists displayed outside the Attendance Office.

Beyond the Classroom – The Nighthawk Experience

At Nobel, learning and celebrating student success extend well beyond the classroom! We have many exciting **enrichment opportunities and activities** ahead, including academic competitions, student leadership experiences, clubs, the arts, and extracurricular programs. These opportunities are an important part of the **well-rounded Nobel Nighthawk experience**, encouraging students to discover their passions, develop new talents, build lasting friendships, and strengthen their sense of belonging.



Save the date: **Friday, November 6 (4:30-7:30 pm) Pajama Astronomy Night.**

Our students and families are invited to come and enjoy stargazing and other fun space science activities. Students must be accompanied by an adult to enter.

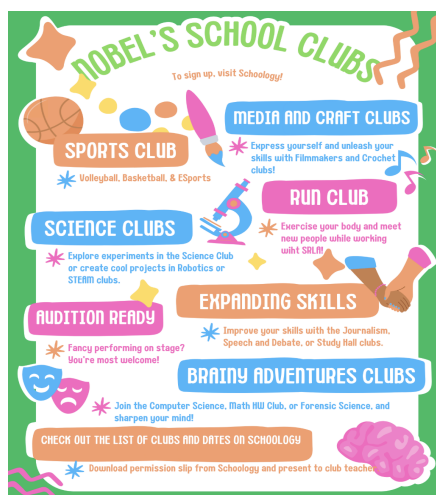
We will have the telescopes out on the PE field, and our great Science teachers will organize viewing and other Astronomy Activities in the gym.



Saturday Enrichment Program is here!

Saturday Enrichment has started at Nobel. Mark your calendars for the following dates: **October 24, November 7, November 14, December 5, December 12, January 23, and January 30.** Program hours are 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Please complete the [interest form](#) if your child would like to participate.



Student Clubs Are Here!

Our much-anticipated student clubs have begun! Please review the [club information](#) and encourage your Nighthawk to get involved, explore new interests, and make new connections.

[Woodcraft Rangers](#) clubs will continue to meet after school, and students may participate in both programs.

Choices Application Window for Current Grade 5 students: October 1–November 6 (for Nobel Charter and Magnet)

If you are interested in enrolling another child at Nobel or recommending our school to family and friends, the Choices application window is open through November 6. Students with a sibling continuing at Nobel may receive sibling priority, but families must apply during the on-time application window. We encourage families to apply to **both our Charter and Magnet programs** to maximize enrollment opportunities. [Apply through LAUSD Choices.](#)

 See what makes Nobel special! Enjoy this [video](#) created by our talented Media students and feel free to share it with family and friends.

Our Magnet Tours for **prospective families and students** will take place on campus from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on the following dates: **Monday, October 12, Wednesday, October 14, Monday, October 19, and Wednesday, October 21.** This registration [link](#) can be used by families of current 5th-grade students for the tours.

GATE Student Leadership Conference | October 24

Nobel students are invited to attend LAUSD's 3rd Annual GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at RFK Community Schools. Created by students, for students, this exciting event features an inspirational keynote speaker, student-led workshops, and opportunities to connect with peers across LAUSD. Open to students in grades 6–12.

Interested families: Please see the [linked flyer](#) for registration and transportation request QR codes. Questions? Contact GATE@lausd.net.

Make-Up Picture Day – October 28

Make-Up Picture Day will be held Wednesday, October 28 for students who missed the September 16 and 17 picture days. You may order pictures by clicking on the White's Studios Link [here](#). For more information about pictures, please contact [White Studios](#).



Minimum days on October 23 and October 30

Please make a note that we have two upcoming Minimum days with dismissal at 12:35 pm.

On October 30th: Students are able to wear costumes. Please review Halloween Costume Guidelines [here](#). Don't forget to stop by our popular haunted maze on October 22 and 23.

THIS WEEK AT NOBEL | OCTOBER 19-24

Date	Time	Event / Resource
Monday, October 19	All Week	Van Wyck \$1 Chocolate Bar Sales! (October 12–16) Boo Gram Sales(through Oct. 27)
	8:30–10:00 a.m.	Magnet Tours – 5th Grade
	12:12-12:24 p.m.	BSAP 7th/8th Grade Mentorship Workshop MPR Lampert
	3:15–4:15 p.m.	Fall Musical Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 20	ALL Day	Pink Run PE Classes
	2:10 p.m.	Early Dismissal – Regular Tuesday Schedule
Wednesday, October 21	All Day	Dodger Day
	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Coffee with the Principal Parent Center-Unified Against Hate:Words Matter
	8:30–10:00 a.m.	Magnet Tours – 5th Grade
	12:10–1:10 p.m.	BSAP Student Activity – Inspiration 52 BSAP Room Advisory
	3:15–4:15 p.m.	Fall Musical Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22	Advisory	Student Safety Training Module-Unified Against Hate
	3:15-5:00 p.m.	PTSA Haunted Maze
	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Parent Conference Night by appointment only MAP
Friday, October 23	8:30–9:30 a.m.	Solemates Walking Club Parent Cent
	12:35 p.m.	Minimum Day-Student Dismissal
	12:35-2:00 p.m.	PTSA Haunted Maze
Saturday, October 24	8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Robotics Competition; Saturday Fun Day
	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.	Fall Musical Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 25: SRLA Field Trip | Mandl/Fuentes

Monday, October 26: Medalist & Principal's Honor Roll; **A - LA 7th/8th by invitation only**

Tuesday, October 27: Medalist & Principal's Honor Roll; **LE-Z 7th/8th by invitation only** [FLYER](#)

Wednesday, October 28: Make-Up Picture Day, 7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29: High School Fair – MPR; Red Ribbon Week – Twin Day

Friday, October 30: Minimum Day – dismissal at 12:35 p.m.; Red Ribbon Week – [Halloween Costume Day](#)

Get Involved

Our award-winning PTSA is running its membership drive-join the winning team that truly makes a difference for our community. Follow our website at nobelptsa.org.

School Safety Valet Program - Volunteers Needed

We are excited to launch a new Safety Valet Program designed to make morning drop-off safer, smoother, and more organized for our students and families.

We are looking for approximately 10 parent/community volunteers who can give just 30 minutes, from 7:30–8:00 AM, to help students safely exit vehicles in the designated drop-off area. Volunteers will rotate throughout the week, and training will be provided by LASPD. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a direct impact on campus safety and help create a calmer, safer start to the school day. Even one morning a week can make a meaningful difference! Please consider signing up for this important Safety Task Force. Your participation will help ensure a safer and more organized morning arrival for all Nobel students.

Review our flyer and sign up here [VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!](#)

Thank you for partnering with us to keep Nobel safe! Please fill out the [interest Google Form](#) and we will contact you regarding the training schedule.

Parent Center Updates

Please stay tuned for our weekly [parent workshops](#) and activities. Our workshop focused on **Parent Portal and Schoology** is linked [here](#). If you have questions or need your student's PIN or ID, please contact our Parent Community Representative, **Ms. Leticia Hernandez**, at l.hernandez15@lausd.net, or stop by our **Parent Center** for hands-on support. We encourage all families to stay informed through Parent Portal and Schoology and to regularly remind their Nighthawk to stay on top of weekly assignments. We look forward to seeing **100%** of our parents registered on the parent portal.

Prom Attire Donation Drive

Help make prom special for students in our community! LAUSD Board District 3 and community partners are collecting **new or gently used formal dresses, suits, tuxedos, shoes, and accessories** through December 18. Please consider donating and helping students celebrate this special milestone with confidence!

See the [linked flyer](#) for drop-off locations, dates, and times.

Attendance

Every school day matters. When students are in school consistently, they have more opportunities to learn, participate, build relationships, receive support, and stay on track academically.

Attendance is more than simply being physically present on campus. It is about being present, engaged, and ready to learn. Missing even a few days can create gaps in instruction that become increasingly difficult for students to recover from. Tardies also matter because students can miss important portions of lessons and instructional transitions.

As a school community, we all have a role to play. Students are responsible for attending school and arriving on time, families can help establish routines that support regular attendance, and schools must identify and address barriers that may prevent students from attending consistently.

- [Why Is School Attendance Important](#)
- [School Attendance guide for Parents](#)

Yearbook Preorder

Don't forget to pre-order your yearbook today for only \$40. The yearbook features award winning photographs, designs, and covers every class and event on campus. Preorder today at bit.ly/NobelYB to guarantee your copy in May.

☀ After-School Program

Families interested in the after-school program may access the [registration forms and contact information here](#). Paper copies are also available at the school.

Campus gates will close **20 minutes after dismissal**. Students remaining on campus must be registered in the after-school program and report directly to the program after dismissal.

The program provides:

🍎 Supper

👥 Supervision

🕒 Care until 6:00 p.m.

Parent pick up is on Vanalden and Merridy gate for the after school program. No parents are permitted to be on campus.



Reminder: No Outside Food or Beverage Deliveries

For the safety of our students and to minimize disruptions to instruction, **outside food and beverage deliveries for students are not permitted and will be turned away**. If a student forgets lunch, they may access free lunch which is always provided by **the cafeteria**. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment.



Traffic and Student Safety

Keeping students safe during arrival and dismissal takes all of us. Whether you are driving, walking, biking, or rolling to school, please use extra patience and caution around campus.

The **Merridy Street and Lassen Street gates** will be open during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal. Please remember that there is **NO student drop-off or pick-up on Tampa Avenue**.

In the mornings, cones will be placed on **Merridy Street** to create a designated drop-off lane. This area is for **active student drop-off only**. Please do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the coned area.

For Everyone's Safety:

- 🚫 Do not double-park or triple-park.
- 🔄 Do not make U-turns near the school.
- 🚫 Do not drop off or pick up students on Tampa Avenue.
- 🚗 Parents and guardians may not enter the drive-in gates on Lassen Street or Merridy Street.
- 🚶 Keep crosswalks and intersections clear and always yield to pedestrians.
- 🚗 Slow down and remain alert in school zones.

Please take a moment to review the [Traffic Safety Tips](#) with your family for additional reminders about safe driving and pedestrian practices around schools.

Student safety is our highest priority. Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and partnership in helping us maintain a safe and orderly arrival and dismissal for all Nighthawks.

Family Resources

- [LAUSD Family Newsletter](#)
- **Zone of Choice - High School**. The on time application for Zone of Choice (apply.lausd.net) opened on October 1st - November 6th. Parents that have submitted an application can edit their application until November 6th. For directions on how to apply - [Spanish](#) [English](#). [List of Zones 2026-2027](#)
- **Annual Region North Resource Fair** is scheduled for **October 17, 2026, at Byrd Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please review the event details [here](#). This event provides families with access to valuable community resources and support services. **Snacks and limited giveaways will be available for attendees.**
- LAUSD Know Your Rights Webinar [Schedule](#) for Families for 2026-27
- Family Preparedness [Care Package](#)
- LA Unified's [We Are One](#) initiative reaffirms our commitment to creating safe, welcoming, and inclusive schools for all students and families, regardless of immigration status or other protected status. Every student has the

right to a public education and access to support and resources. Families needing assistance with **virtual school options, transportation, immigration, health and wellness, or housing** may call the **LAUSD Hotline at (213) 443-1300**, available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**.

Free Rides Are Back: [Metro GoPass](#) Returns for 2026–27



The Metro GoPass program is back! TK–12 students ride Metro buses and trains for free, all year long. If a student already has a GoPass TAP card, they can keep using it through September 30. To get a new or renewed GoPass:

- Request your activation code online with your student's LAUSD account at laUSD.org/metro.
- Get or keep your TAP card — contact our school's TAP Card Designee/Parent Community Representative, Ms. Leticia Hernandez, at l.hernandez15@laUSD.net if you need one.
- Activate at taptogo.net/gopass using your TAP card number and activation code, then wait at least one hour before riding.
- Tap and ride!

Visit the website laUSD.org/metro for full details and more information.

Family Suggestion Box

Families are valued partners in the educational process. We invite you to share your suggestions and feedback through the [NCMS Suggestion Box](#).

NCMS Gratitude Jar

Would you like to recognize someone, express your appreciation, or pay an act of kindness forward? Visit the [NCMS Gratitude Jar](#) and help us continue building a positive and caring school community.

School Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (818) 773-4700

Please contact the school office if you need additional information or assistance.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making Nobel a safe, welcoming, and vibrant school community where **academic excellence, meaningful connections, and opportunities for every student to thrive** remain at the heart of all we do.

With Nighthawk pride,
Mrs. Batra
Proud Principal
Nobel Charter Middle School