

NHCS JUNIOR HIGH

26 JUNE, 2024 | UPDATE



WHAT'S HAPPENED

A student and parent orientation was held on June 11, 2024. During this orientation, additional information was provided on the teaching assignment, timetable arrangements, expected forms of communication over the summer, options, hybrid learning model, extra curriculars, potential partnerships, etc. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Principal's Council

- Include students from Grades 6 through 9
- Meet every 6 weeks to discuss ideas for growth

Student-Board

- Junior High students and NHCSA Board of Directors meet three times a year to discuss efforts toward continual improvement
- Provides an opportunity for students contribute to the vision and mission of NHCSA

"Humble Habits"

- includes character education
- direct Charter ties (ex. environmental responsibilities, relationship with nature and animals, respect for the local and global communities, community service)
- to be implemented and fostered school-wide



WHAT'S NEW

Our agriculture program is expanding! NHCS Junior High students will be responsible for the daily chores of two new programs:

- Turkey
- Market Hog

NHCSA has purchased an additional all-weather bathroom unit for the Junior High students.

IN THE WORKS

Construction updates on the Junior High modular buildings

As we welcome summer we look forward to many construction projects! The addition of 4 classrooms to our site as well as some barnyard improvements will start in late June and early July. Three classrooms will be added to the north field for the Junior High and one new modular classroom will be added to the south end of the school for K-6.

CHARTER INFUSION

Charter infusion at NHCS looks like

- Prioritizing preferred instructional methods including experiential, hands-on learning for lessons aka learning by doing
- Innovative curricular ties to relevant agriculture and land stewardship topics

MRS. MARTINOFF'S SURVEY

Thank you to everyone for completing the survey. The feedback has been very helpful! Here are a few things we learned about our prospective students:

- there is a variety of preferred learning styles and we will strive to support each student as best as we can.
- Options are a major topic and here are the results based on your feedback:
 - ~ Woodworking (25 students interested)
 - ~ Foods (23 students interested)
 - ~ Sports (21 students interested)
 - ~ Outdoor Education (19 students interested)
 - ~ Leather Work (19 students interested)
 - ~ Ranch Skills (16 students interested)
 - ~ Welding (16 students interested)
 - ~ Small Engine Trades (15 students interested)
 - ~ Finance (13 students interested)
 - ~ Photography (11 students interested)
 - ~ Back to Basics (10 students interested)
 - ~ Crop Studies (9 students interested)
 - ~ Robotics/Coding (8 students interested)
 - ~ Fine Arts (7 students interested)



WHAT'S NEXT

Options

- Work continues on determining what options will be offered and when throughout the year
- Your feedback has been instrumental in guiding the decision-making process, thank you!
- Option signup will likely occur in August via email

Junior High Engagement Evening

- Wednesday, August 21, 2024
6:00- 8:00 pm
- Light supper provided
- Engage with other registered students and families

Furniture & Equipment

- lists are being finalized this week with orders being placed shortly thereafter. Deliveries expected early August
- NHCS is humbled to be receiving substantial donations from Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

PARTNERSHIPS

Olds College *partnership draft*

Presentations

K-9 & 7-9 in school presentations

Field Trips

Junior High students may have a field trip to Olds College (OC) Campus to kick off projects, Spring 2025
field trip to Pitstra Farm - SMART Farm

Steer Trial

Continue to build steer demonstration of data and develop robust trial plan with support of OC partners and livestock producer.

Project Based

Junior High students to work with OC researchers & potentially OC students to develop research questions, projects, based on student interest.

Exhibits

Schedule NHCS charter & APS program appropriate exhibits.



THANK YOU

for your continued support!

GET PHYSICAL

NHCS is privileged to have a Physical Education specialist on staff. Mrs. Klatt will be teaching phys.ed. for all grades!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

School supply lists for all grades can be found on our website under the "Parents" tab.

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR EMAIL!

More information will be shared throughout the summer via email.

Here are a few communications you can expect in the first few weeks of summer:

- Student email information
- School-wide initiatives
- Suggestions for Junior High student year end trip
- Use of technology in schools