



North Plainfield Pulse

District Highlights

UPPER KRAUSCHE FIELD PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Join us as we usher in a new area of North Plainfield athletics

North Plainfield schools are gearing up for an exciting milestone as we prepare to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Friday, September 22**.

This eagerly anticipated event will mark the completion of the new Upper Krausche Field, a dynamic addition that promises to usher in a new era of excellence in North Plainfield athletics. Located at 34 Wilson Avenue, the field stands as a testament to the community's commitment to fostering growth and progress.

The event, kicking off homecoming weekend, welcomes local dignitaries, school officials, students, and community members.

Demolition of the old field house began on November 1, 2022. Project features include the construction of a new field house, grandstand, and press box, turf replacement, the installation of lighting, and an improved drainage system to ensure that the field remains in optimal condition despite varying weather conditions.

Versatility is a hallmark of this facility. The field, much like the community it serves, is diverse and adaptable. It proudly showcases lines for football, soccer, field hockey,

baseball, and softball, serving as a canvas for a wide spectrum of athletic endeavors, fostering camaraderie and competition, and inspiring dreams to be realized.

The renovation of Krausche Field to this state-of-the-art facility is a massive upgrade for our entire community, and is just one step in improving North Plainfield pride. I want to thank Parette Somjen Architects, The Board of Education, the School Administration, and the Upper Krausche committee, who have all worked tirelessly on the new facility."

Dr. Michelle Aquino
Superintendent



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With the excitement palpable in the air, the ribbon-cutting ceremony is poised to be a historic moment that etches itself into the archives of North Plainfield's legacy.

We hope to see you there sporting maroon!

SOMERSET COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

It's with extreme pride we share that the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) named Ms. Corinne Laurie, North Plainfield Middle teacher, the Somerset County Teacher of the Year.

Trained as a health and physical education teacher, her background and experience have also allowed her to develop and teach other unique courses that focus on high school, college, and career readiness, as well as social and emotional learning.

Ms. Laurie has been involved with several projects and initiatives that have positively impacted our district. She is part of North Plainfield's New Teacher Induction program, serves as a professional learning committee (PLC) team leader, and is a member of the School-Based Planning Team, leading the School Opening Committee.

"Ms. Laurie is the epitome of what a teacher should be," shared Middle School Principal Robert Lake. "Her ability to quickly foster trusting relationships with her students has allowed her to impact countless students who have attended NPMS over the last twenty years."



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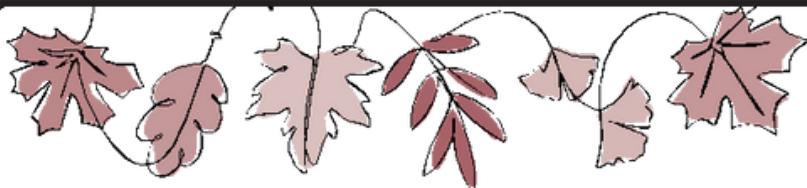


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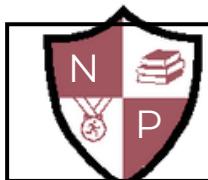
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11 am – 4 pm**

(Rain date October 7)

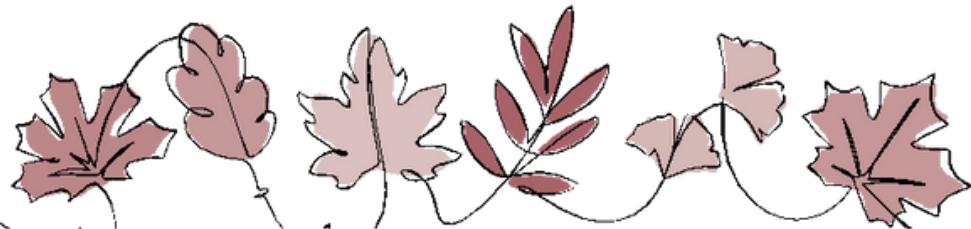
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MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!

Why Attendance Matters

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school—regardless of the reason—it can cause them to fall behind academically. A student is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! Explore the facts:

- Students chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th-grade test scores.

We don't want your student to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your student keeps a regular bedtime and establishes a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your student goes to school every day unless he/she is truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or regular doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.



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GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE



TO CREATE AN EXPERIENCE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE FULL EXPLORATION OF INTERESTS, LIFE OPPORTUNITIES, AND CAREERS WHILE PRIORITIZING WELL-BEING



OBJECTIVE: Increase student opportunities to be academically and socially involved

OBJECTIVE: Seek community partners to expand civic/community involvement for students

OBJECTIVE: Increase opportunities to elevate readiness for college and career upon graduation

GOAL 2: FACILITIES & SAFETY



TO CREATE INNOVATIVE, SAFE, AND EXPANDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN A FISCALLY PRUDENT MANNER

OBJECTIVE: Plan and implement a zero tax impact referendum in 2025-26

OBJECTIVE: Improved safety and security protocols at all schools

OBJECTIVE: Explore and apply for alternative funding sources to sustain district growth

GOAL 3: SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE



STRENGTHEN A CLIMATE OF RESPECT AND INCLUSION SO THAT ALL HAVE A SENSE OF BELONGING

OBJECTIVE: Enhance district and school presence in our local and educational community

OBJECTIVE: Foster a culture of diversity and inclusion

OBJECTIVE: Implementing Restorative practices to promote an inclusive mindset

GOAL 4: TEACHER RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT



IMPROVE STUDENT OUTCOMES BY STRENGTHENING OUR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PRACTICES AND STAFF RECRUITMENT/RETENTION THROUGH A DATA-INFORMED MINDSET

OBJECTIVE: Hire a more diversified workforce so that students are educated by professionals with relatable life experiences

OBJECTIVE: Ensure all staff are supported to implement a vision for high expectations and high quality instruction

OBJECTIVE: Differentiated professional learning experiences based on each staff member's individual needs

NJQSAC Review Designates District as High Performing

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30, the North Plainfield School District has undergone the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review.

The Somerset County Executive County Superintendent and team conducted a review of the school district's self-assessment to verify the district's compliance with all five areas of NJQSAC—Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations, and Personnel.

We are pleased to share that our district has been designated as "high performing," and therefore certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education for a period of three years or until the next NJQSAC review.

EN ESPAÑOL

Cinta del proyecto del campo Upper Krausche Ceremonia de Corte

Las escuelas de North Plainfield se están preparando para un hito emocionante mientras nos preparamos para organizar una ceremonia de inauguración el viernes 22 de septiembre.

Este evento tan esperado marcará la finalización del nuevo Upper Krausche Field, una adición dinámica que promete marcar el comienzo de una nueva era de excelencia en el atletismo de North Plainfield. Ubicado en 34 Wilson Avenue, el campo se erige como testimonio del compromiso de la comunidad para fomentar el crecimiento y el progreso.

El evento, que se lleva a cabo antes del primer partido en casa de la temporada, da la bienvenida a dignatarios locales, funcionarios escolares, estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad.

La demolición de la antigua casa de campo comenzó el 1 de noviembre de 2022. Las características del proyecto incluyen la construcción de una nueva casa de campo, una tribuna y un palco de prensa, el reemplazo del césped, la instalación de iluminación y un sistema de drenaje mejorado para garantizar que el campo permanezca en condiciones óptimas a pesar de variar las condiciones climáticas.

La versatilidad es un sello distintivo de esta instalación. El campo, al igual que la comunidad a la que sirve, es diverso y adaptable. Muestra con orgullo las líneas de fútbol americano, fútbol, hockey sobre césped, béisbol y sófbol, y sirve como lienzo para un amplio espectro de esfuerzos deportivos, fomentando la camaradería y la competencia, e inspirando sueños para que se hagan realidad.

"La renovación de Krausche Field a esta instalación de última generación es una mejora enorme para toda nuestra comunidad y es solo un paso para mejorar el orgullo de North Plainfield", dijo la superintendente Michelle Aquino. "Quiero agradecer a Parette Somjen Architects, la Junta de Educación, la Administración de la escuela y el comité de Upper Krausche, quienes han trabajado incansablemente en las nuevas instalaciones".

Con la emoción palpable en el aire, la ceremonia de inauguración está lista para ser un momento histórico que quedará grabado en los archivos del legado de North Plainfield.

¡Esperamos verte allí luciendo granate!

Maestra del año del condado de Somerset

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Formada como profesora de salud y educación física, sus antecedentes y experiencia también le han permitido desarrollar e impartir otros cursos únicos que se centran en la preparación para la escuela secundaria, la universidad y la carrera, así como el aprendizaje social y emocional.



The flyer features a decorative border of autumn leaves. At the top, there's a banner with the text "North Plainfield Festival de Otoño" and "SÁBADO 30 DE SEPTIEMBRE". Below that, it says "North Plainfield High School" and "11 am - 4 pm". It also includes "(Fecha de lluvia 7 de octubre)". The middle section lists "Alimentos - Vendedores - Grupos comunitarios", "Hinchables - Animación - Color Run", and "Car Nutz Car Show de 9 am - 2 pm". A note below states "los ingresos benefician a nuestros". At the bottom, there's a logo for "FUNDACIÓN EDUCATIVA DE NORTH PLAINFIELD" with a shield containing letters N, P, and A. The text "Para más información ir a npfallfestival.org" is at the bottom right.

La Sra. Laurie ha estado involucrada en varios proyectos e iniciativas que han tenido un impacto positivo en nuestro distrito. Ella es parte del programa de inducción de maestros nuevos de North Plainfields, se desempeña como líder del equipo del comité de aprendizaje profesional (PLC) y es miembro del equipo de planificación escolar, que dirige el comité de apertura escolar.

- Para el sexto grado, la ausencia crónica es una señal de advertencia temprana comprobada para los estudiantes en riesgo de abandonar la escuela.
- Para el noveno grado, la buena asistencia puede predecir las tasas de graduación incluso mejor que los puntajes de las pruebas de octavo grado.

No queremos que su estudiante se atrasé en la escuela y se desanime. Aquí hay algunos consejos prácticos para ayudar a apoyar la asistencia regular:

- Asegúrese de que su estudiante tenga un horario regular para acostarse y establezca una rutina matutina.
- Coloque la ropa y empaque las mochilas la noche anterior.
- Asegúrese de que su estudiante asista a la escuela todos los días a menos que esté verdaderamente enfermo.
- Evite programar vacaciones o citas regulares con el médico cuando la escuela está en sesión.
- Hable con los maestros y consejeros para que le aconsejen si su estudiante se siente ansioso por ir a la escuela.

Faltar a la escuela = ¡Perderse!

Sabemos que algunas ausencias son inevitables debido a problemas de salud u otras circunstancias. Pero, también sabemos que cuando los estudiantes faltan demasiado a la escuela, independientemente del motivo, pueden atrasarse académicamente. ¡Un estudiante está crónicamente ausente si falta solo dos días al mes!

Explora los hechos:

- Los estudiantes con ausencias crónicas en el jardín de infantes y el primer grado tienen muchas menos probabilidades de leer al nivel de su grado al final del tercer grado.

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