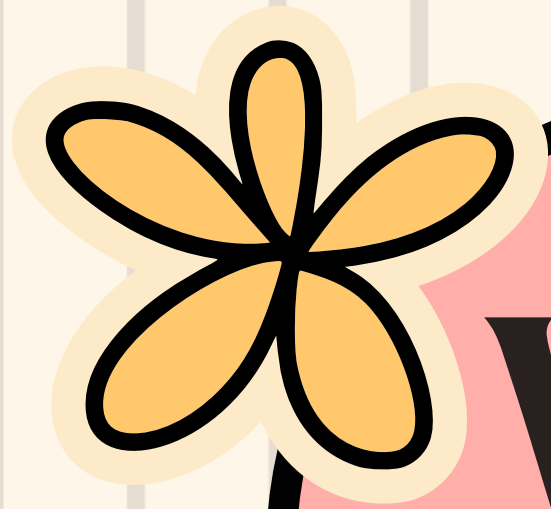




# **Welcome to 8th Grade**

**Course Selection & Information**

# Meet Your Counselors



**Ms. Hill**  
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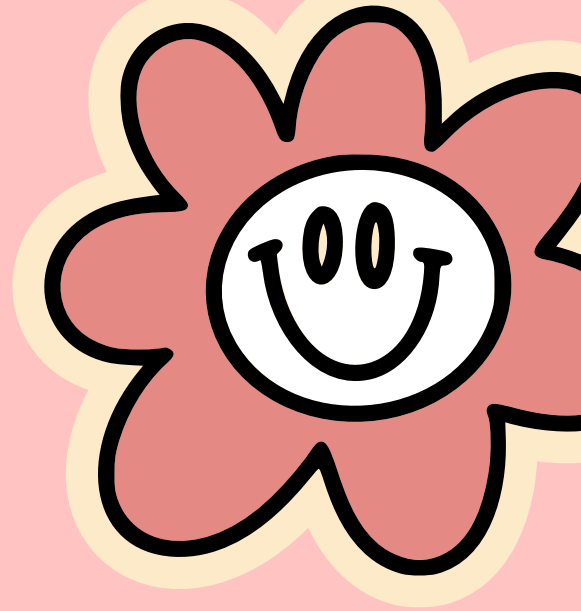
**Ms. Stephens**  
LIV-Z

**Your counselors are located in the middle school office!**

# Required Courses



**Math/EH Math**  
**Science**  
**History**  
**PE**  
**Language Arts**



# Elective Courses



**Band I, II**  
**Orchestra I,II**  
**Choir I,II**  
**Percussion**  
**Intermediate Percussion \*teacher recommendation required**  
**Art II**  
**Ceramics**  
**Drama**  
**Drama II \*requires an audition**

**Spanish 7/8 (choose if you've never taken Spanish)**  
**Spanish 8 CD (choose if you took Spanish last year)**  
**French 1 (choose if you've never taken French)**  
**French 8CD (choose if you took French last year)**  
**Mandarin 1 (choose if you've never taken Mandarin)**

**Yoga (no PE credit)**  
**Dance (higher levels will require a tryout) (no PE credit)**  
**Competitive PE (no PE credit) \*teacher recommendation required**  
**Drumline (no PE credit) \*requires audition**  
**Color Guard (flags) (no PE credit) \*requires audition**  
**Cheer/Song (no PE credit) \*requires audition**

**Medical Detectives/Green Architecture**  
**Exploring Comp. Science (CTE course)**  
**Speech/Debate**  
**Yearbook \*application process required**  
**ASB \*application process required**



# Math Pathways at CDM

**Math 7**



**Math 8**

Success in Math 8 can still lead to the enhanced pathway in 9th grade

**Enhanced Math 7**

B or higher all 4 quarters



**Enhanced Math 8**

**Math 7**



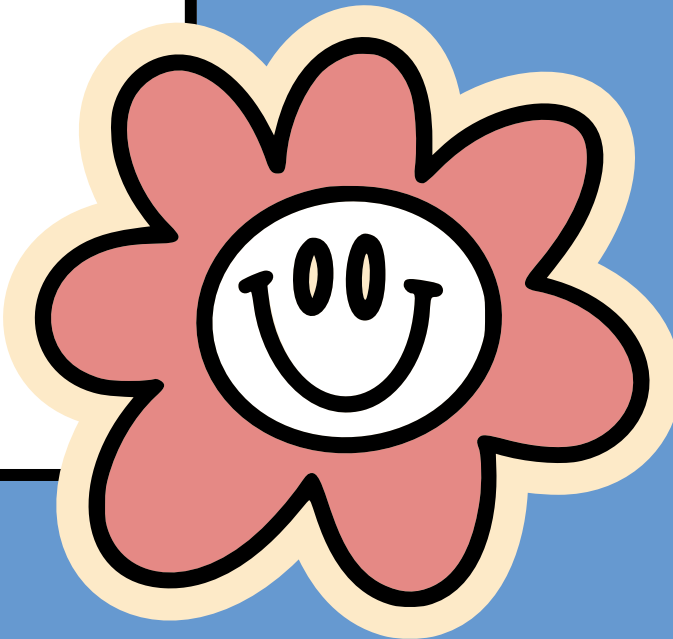
**Enhanced Math 8**

**Criteria for Summer Bridge Enhanced Math Program:**

- Math 7 grades
- Qualifying families will be sent a letter from NMUSD explaining their options

**Enhanced Math 8:**

- Completion of summer course in-person at TeWinkle; online via Monte Vista
- NO self-study option available



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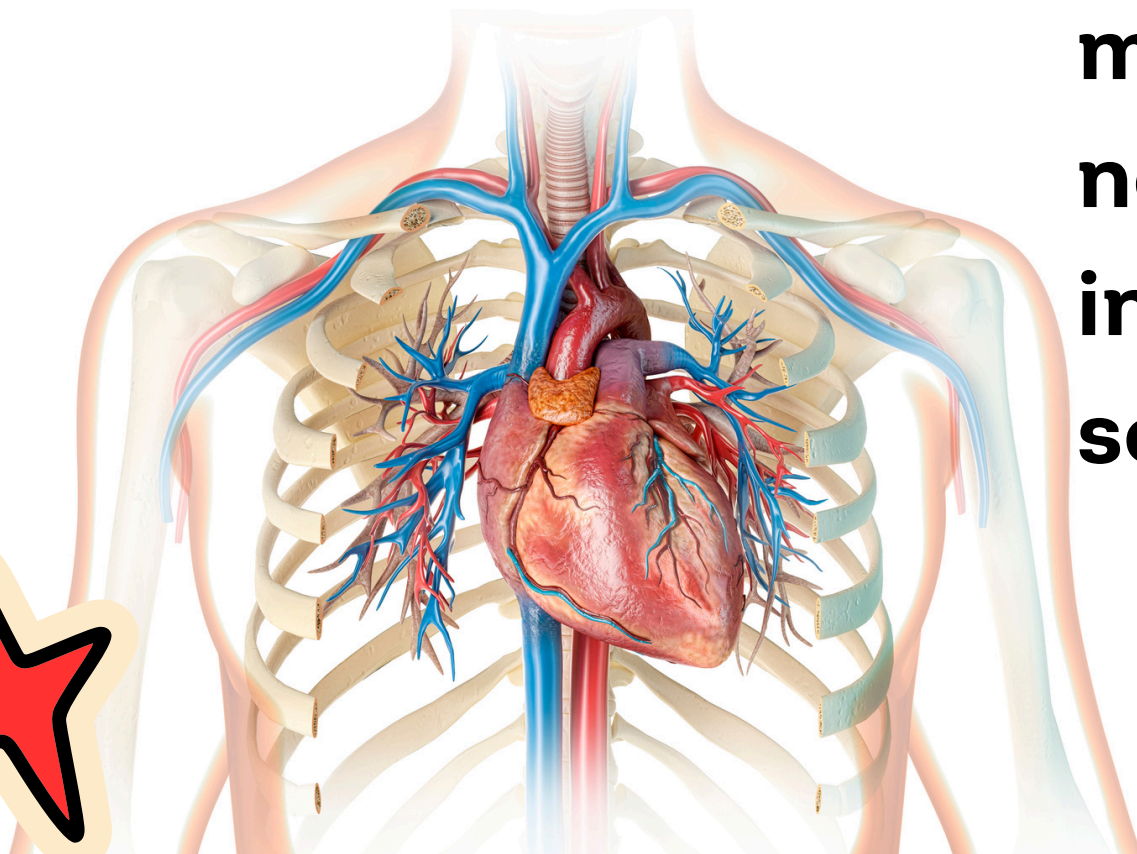
**Green Architecture:** Today's students have grown up in an age of “green” choices. In this unit, students learn how to apply this concept to the fields of architecture and construction by exploring dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability as they design affordable housing units using Autodesk's® 3D architectural design software. This is one semester. *Paired with Medical Detectives.*



# Descriptions of courses:

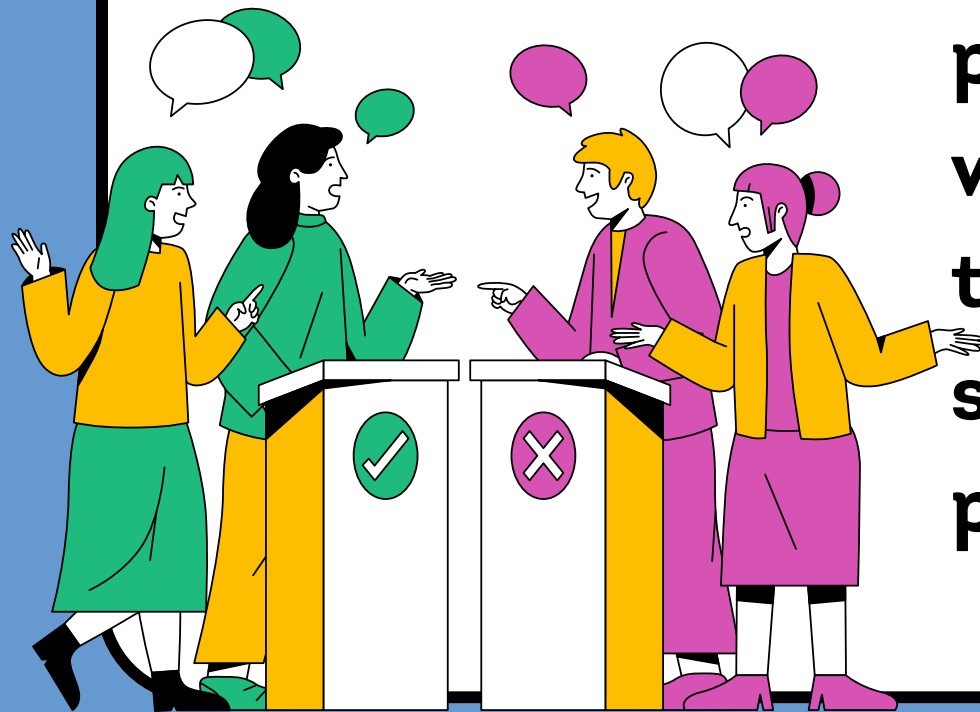
## Medical Detectives:

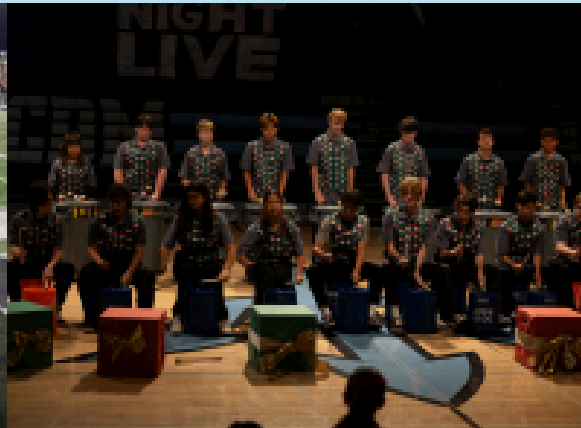
Students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose disease. They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measure and interpret vital signs, examine nervous system structure and function, and investigate disease outbreaks. This is one semester. *Paired with Green Architecture.*



# Descriptions of courses:

**Speech/Debate:** Students will learn how to write, organize, prepare, and deliver quality public speeches. Students will study how to actively persuade, inspire, inform, and engage an audience through the art of public speaking. We will begin by studying the fundamentals of public communication. Next we will learn how to speak articulately when one has time for adequate preparation. Students will also learn to think quickly and speak with little preparation. Finally, students will learn how to argue their points effectively through debate. It is expected that students acquire the skills necessary to communicate in a public setting for years to come.





# CDM DRUMLINE

AUDITION DATES:  
TUES 5/19 & THURS 5/21  
4:00PM-5:00PM  
ROOM 627

AUDITION  
PACKET/REGISTRATION



# CDM COLORGUARD TRYOUTS

JOIN OUR  
AWARD-WINNING  
TEAM



**MAY 4TH & MAY 6TH**

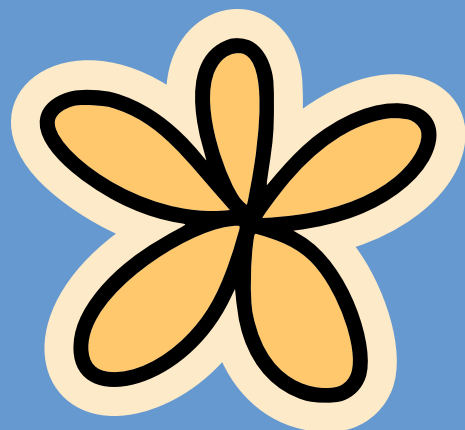
**CLINIC 4:00PM -6:00PM**

**ROOM 627**

REGISTER HERE

QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT MR. GILBERT  
MGILBERT@NMUSD.US

**ALL DATES ARE MANDATORY  
REGISTER BY MAY 4TH**





# Cheer & Song



## Go Tritons!

Interesting in trying out for our CdM MS Pep Squad? Attend our **MANDATORY** informational meeting on 4/20 to learn more about our program! Tryout application packet will only be shared with those that attend.

See important dates and details below!

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**  
\*INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
5:00 - 6:00 (CdM Lecture Hall)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
OPTIONAL SONG CLINIC  
4:00 - 5:30 (Room 333)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**  
OPTIONAL CHEER CLINIC  
4:00 - 5:30 (Room 333)



←  
**SONG**

→  
**CHEER**



**APRIL 27- APRIL 28**  
TRYOUT CLINICS  
4:00 - 5:30 (Room 333)

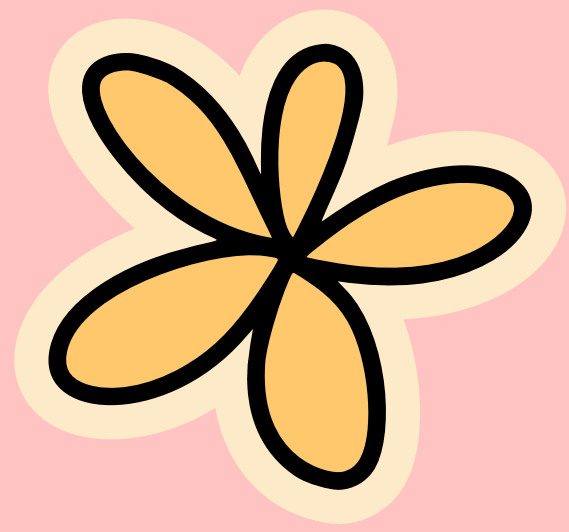
**APRIL 29**  
FINAL AUDITION  
4:00 - 8:00 (Room 333)

**APRIL 30**  
NEW TEAM ORIENTATION  
5:00 - 6:00 (Room 208)

\*Parent or guardian **MUST** attend meeting in order for students to receive tryout packet and audition.

Questions? Contact Coach Christy: cmecxin@nmusd.us





# Dance



## Middle School DANCE AUDITIONS

Interested in Dance 2 or Dance 3?

**Friday, May 1st**

Dance 3 Audition

3:45 – 5:00 Room 332

Dance 2 Audition

5:00 – 6:30 Room 332

Use the QR Code below  
to register



Questions?

Please contact Mrs. Beckman at  
[mbeckman@musd.us](mailto:mbeckman@musd.us)



**CDMMS SPORTS**

SPORTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED! CHECK OUT THE OPTIONS!

**1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER:**  
BOYS VOLLEYBALL  
GIRLS BASKETBALL

**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER:**  
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
BOYS BASKETBALL  
CROSS COUNTRY

**3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER:**  
SOCCER

**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER:**  
TRACK  
GOLF

CDM PLAYS IN THE COASTAL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

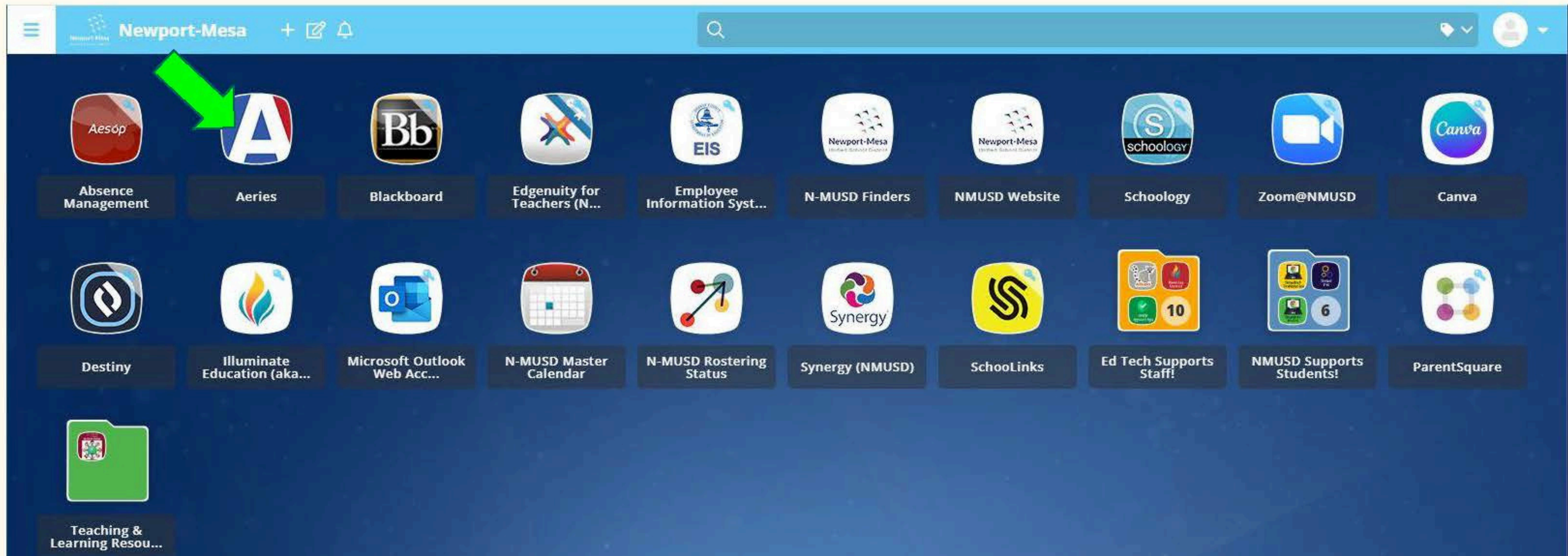
FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM  
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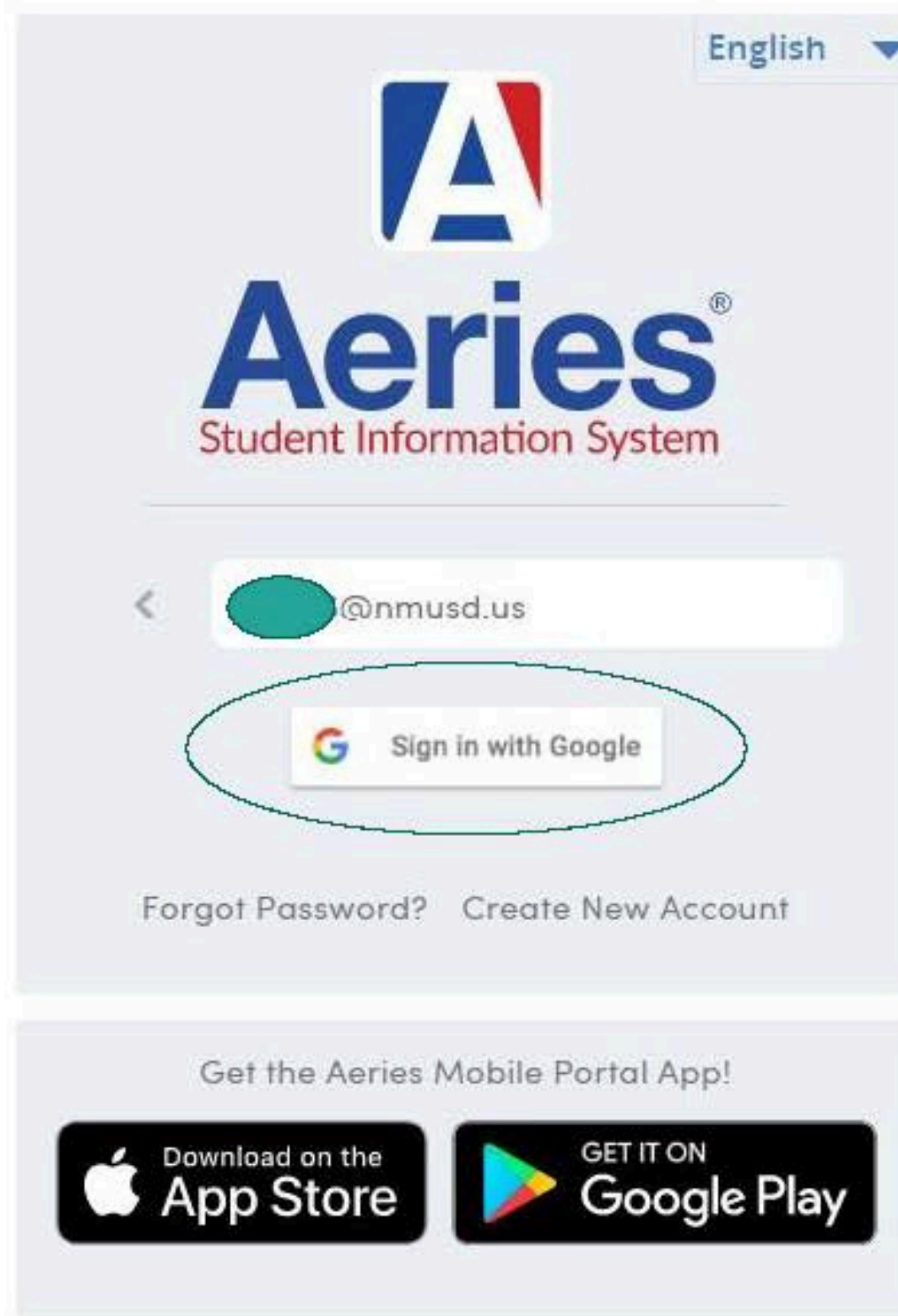
# Logging into Aeries

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Log into Aeries using the portal in your **ClassLink**



# Newport-Mesa Unified School District



English ▼

  
**Aeries**<sup>®</sup>  
Student Information System

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<  @nmusd.us

 Sign in with Google

[Forgot Password?](#) [Create New Account](#)

Get the Aeries Mobile Portal App!

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**App Store**

 GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

Make sure you are logging  
in using the Aeries portal in  
your **ClassLink**

- Dashboard
- Student Info
- Attendance
- Grades
- Classes**
- Medical
- Test Scores

Welcome to the Aeries Portal

### Students



### Backpack

### Attendance Summary

| Code       | Description | All | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| C          | Truant      | 1   |   | 1 | 1 |   | 1 |   | 1 |   | 1 |   |
| E          | Exc Tardy   | 0   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| I          | Illness     | 3   |   | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |   |
| T          | Tardy       | 0   |   | 7 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |
| U          | Unexcused   | 0   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   | 1 |   |   |
| X          | Excused     | 7   |   | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 |   |
| _*TOTALS*_ |             |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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[Go to Attendance](#)

### Resources

Site

Description



### Test Results

Most Recent Test Results



Welcome to the Aeries Portal for

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Course Requests

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Classes

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All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

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Scheduling for grade: 8

Course Requests

Primary Course Requests

Subject Area

English (9th-11th)

English (12th)

Math

Life Science

Physical Science

World History

US History

American Democracy

Economics

Humanities

Applied Skills

Health

Physical Education

Electives

Alternate Requests

Math 8 (M0029)

Physical Ed 8 (P0007)

Manage

Manage

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr:

Sbj Area:

Show All Courses

Search

Primary Course Requests

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\*\*Unknown\*\*

Alternate Requests



Math 8 (M0029)

Manage



Physical Ed 8 (P0007)

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Physical Sci (R0001)

Manage



Language Arts 2 (F0023)

Manage



US Hist/Geog 8 (S0009)

Manage

Alternate Course Requests

Priority Sort

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr.

Sbj Area: Show All Courses



Search

Remove Filter

Click A Course To Request or ? for Info



Art II (C0002)



French 1 (G0010)



Spanish 7-8 (G0001)



Band I (N0005)



French 8CD (G0008)



Spanish 8CD (G0004)



Band II (N0007)



GreenArch (KT014)



Speech/Comm (E0002)



Creative Writng (F0009)



MandarinCh7-8 (G0015)



Vocal I (N0009)



Dance (P0008)



Music I (N0001)



Vocal II (N0010)



Drama (E0001)



Orchestra I (N0006)



Yoga (middle) (P0010)



ExCompSciAB(MS) (JT009)



Orchestra II (N0008)

Select “Request Primary” for  
your 3 elective choices

Creative Writng (F0009) ×

Subject Area #1: Show All Courses

Type: Academic Course

UC Area: None

CSU Area: None

**Request Primary** Request Alternate

Select “Request Alternate” for  
your alternate

Creative Writng (F0009) ×

Subject Area #1: Show All Courses

Type: Academic Course

UC Area: None

CSU Area: None

**Request Primary** Request Alternate

Be sure to select an alternate!

# Choose Wisely!

Think carefully about your elective choices. **Talk to your parents** about your interests. We enroll you in classes over the summer based on the choices **YOU** make.

When school starts, if you change your mind, it is **very unlikely** we will be able to make a change. Choose thoughtfully and always **be sure to include a backup** choice!

**No!** ➔

Yoga

Yoga

Yoga

Ceramics

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Art II

Ceramics

Yoga

French 1

Spanish 8CD

Art II

Yoga

**Yes!** ✓

Art II

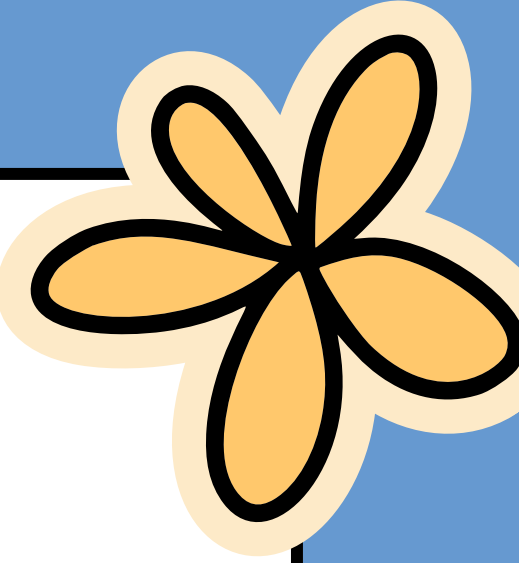
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Speech/Debate



# Change Requests

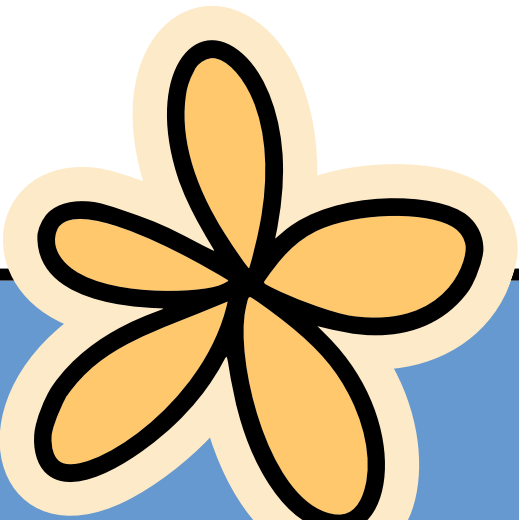


**No elective changes will be made after the first 2 weeks of school!**

Talk to your parents about your choices

Make decisions based on **YOUR** interests, **NOT** your friends'

No electives are guaranteed, don't forget to list an alternate



# Student Academic Supports

## **Monday Intervention** **Built into the CdM Bell Schedule**

Teachers are available during  
Late Start Mondays from  
8:45-9:35am to help their students.

## **Peer Tutoring with National Honors Society Students**

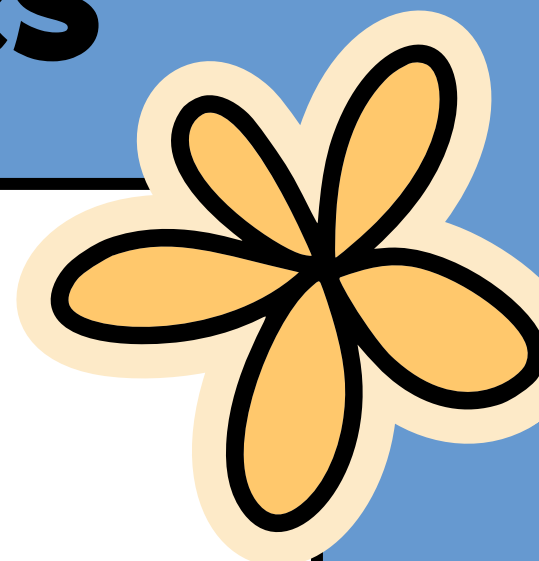
Interested students can sign up in  
the counseling department  
to be matched with a NHS tutor.

**Mary Russell**  
**College Specialist**  
**mrussell-cropemployee@nmusd.us**





# Counseling & Wellness Services

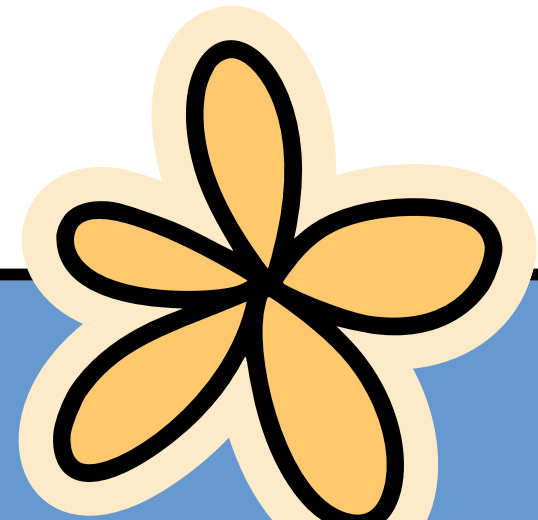


## **Our Focus:**

- **Academic Development-** implement strategies and activities to support and maximize each student's ability to learn
- **Career Development-** guide students to understand the connection between school and the real world, work, and post-secondary education
- **Social/Emotional Development-** help students manage emotions and learn and apply interpersonal skills

## **What is available?**

- **Counseling Check-In's**
- **College & Career Center (LRC)**
- **King's Cove Wellness Center Room 229 & 228**
- **Social Worker - Jessica DeWilde**
- **School Psychologists- Jamie Osman**
- **On Campus Counseling - Turning Point, School Counselors**
- **Off Campus Counseling- Care Solace Referral, Hazel Health**
- **School Nurse**
- **SRO- Officer Hardy**
- **Mental Health Referrals/Resources**



**We want to partner with you!**  
**Please contact us with any concerns.**

# King's Cove

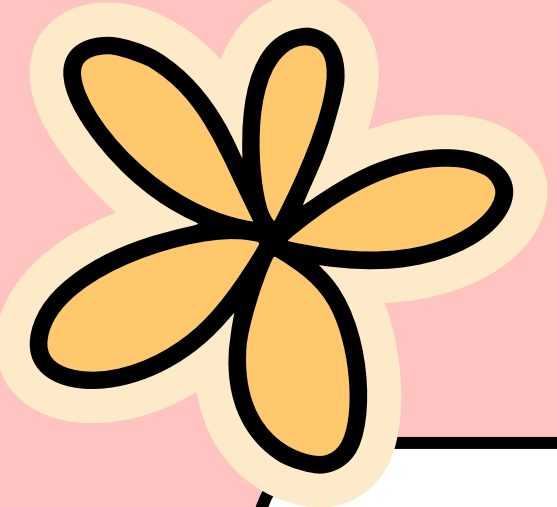
## WellSpace



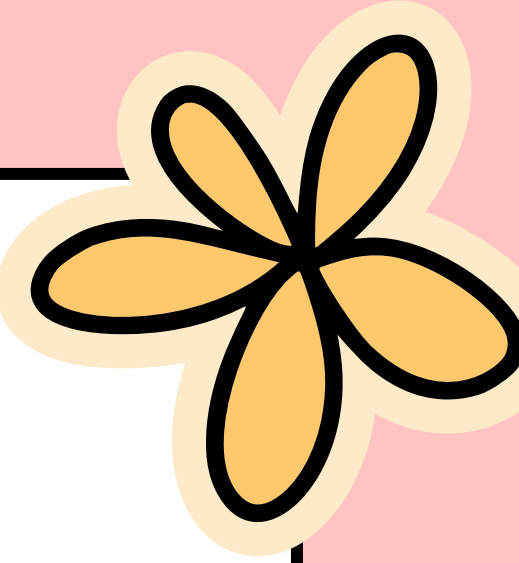
CdM's brand-new wellness space designed to support the emotional and mental well-being of our students. King's Cove provides resources, relaxation, and a safe environment to recharge and refocus.

Located in Room 228 & 229





# Important Dates



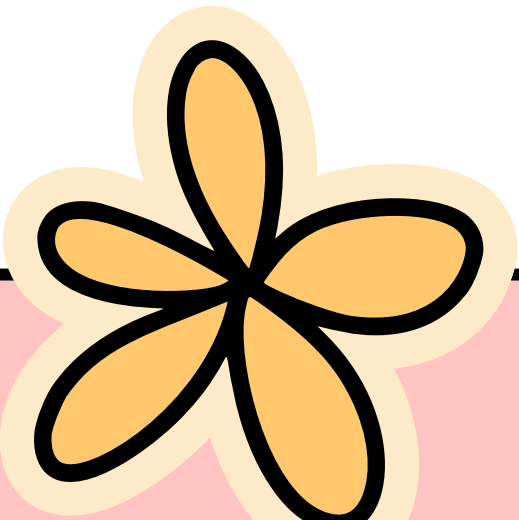
**Tuesday, March 24th & Wednesday, March 25th**

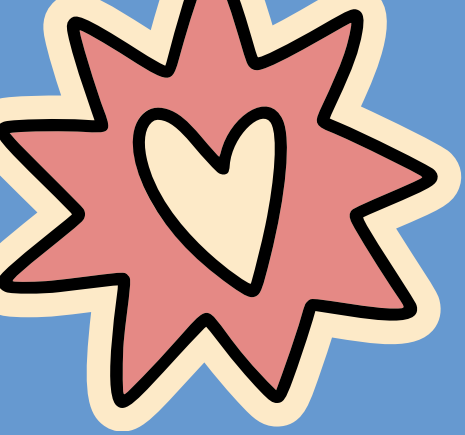
School Counselors present with rising 8th graders to discuss course selection

**Friday, April 3rd**

Aeries window to select electives closes

**Monday, August 17th, 2026 - 1st Day of School!**





# Questions?

## Contact Us



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