

WHAT'S Next WITH NLPS



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Dear New London Public Schools Families,

Welcome to the month of October! It was wonderful seeing students acclimating to new routines, new friendships, and engaging in a lot of new learning! A thank you goes out to our families and teachers for very successful Open House events last month. The partnership between home and school is incredibly valued and appreciated. Please see some important updates below:

October 2026 Calendar and Important Dates

The 2026-2027 calendar for New London Public Schools can be found [here](#). Please note the following important days for October:

- October 6, 2026 – ½ Day of School for Students
- October 12, 2026 – No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- October 28, 2026 - ½ Day of School for Students: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences
- October 29, 2026 - ½ Day of School for Students: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences
- October 30, 2026 - ½ Day of School for Students: Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences

Vacancies & Job Fair

Are you or someone you know interested in working at NLPS? We still have some key positions available for this school year including paraeducators and cafeteria workers. We will be hosting a **Job Fair on Friday, October 9th** from **1pm-4pm** in the Adult & Continuing Education center. Please help us share with qualified candidates who may be interested in joining our team and supporting our students! Click [here](#) to view our latest vacancies.

Parent/Teacher/Guardian Conferences

Parent/Guardian/Teacher conferences will occur on October 28, 29, and 30. Please know that you will receive information directly from your school principal regarding the process, and how you can sign up for time to meet with your student's teachers. If you have any questions about conferences, please reach out to your student's school directly.

"...I tell people all the wonderful opportunities my kids have been afforded, the many arts talents they've cultivated, the teachers who have loved them, the critical thinking skills they've learned, and the rich diversity they celebrate."

-5th, 9th, and 12th Grade Parent,
Visual & Performing Arts Pathway



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Important Safety Reminder

To ensure a safe and secure environment for all NLPS students, please remember that a valid photo ID is required for all campus visitors to be processed through our [Raptor System](#). A photo ID is also mandatory when picking up your student, as they will only be released to individuals officially listed on their [PowerSchool](#) account. Please know that you will be asked each time you pick up your student to ensure their safety. If you need to update your authorized contacts, please reach out to your school secretary directly for assistance.

October Lunch Menu

Our October lunch menu has been released! Please click [here](#) to see the full lunch menu calendar for the month. Also, please know that you can access the breakfast and lunch menus at any time on the district's website [here](#).

U.S. News & World Report Recognition

We are excited to announce that the New London Science & Technology Magnet Pathway at the New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus has earned its 7th recognition as one of U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools! This accolade was calculated based upon six indicators of school quality: college readiness; breadth of curriculum; scores on state proficiency tests; performance in reading, math, and science; underserved student performance; and graduation rates. Congratulations!



Thank You

Please join me and the cabinet team in thanking and congratulating Carrie Rivera as she transitions to a new professional role. Carrie, thank you for your leadership around several key initiatives across the district. You made a positive impact on many, and we wish you all the best in your next professional endeavors. Congratulations!

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th. In honor of this celebration, please find some useful resources below which were shared with staff:

- [National Museum of the American Latino](#): This National Museum has curated a host of educational information about Hispanic Heritage Month.
- [United States Census Bureau](#): A host of census facts relating to National Hispanic Heritage Month
- [Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month with PBS](#): PBS has highlighted an assortment of PBS Kids episodes and other favorites to celebrate this month
- [HISTORY.com](#): A history of Hispanic Heritage Month and other sources of information

Attendance Matters

Students are deeply missed when they are not present in school. Students cannot participate in high-quality learning activities when they are not present in the classrooms. Please make every effort to send your child to school each day. Each school will be promoting the importance of attendance to students and staff regularly. Thank you for your partnership!

NEASC PreK-12 District-Wide Accreditation

The district is so excited to be chosen as one of 8 school districts in CT to become fully accredited! Teams across NLPS are engaging with NEASC consultants, completing steps in the accreditation process as we aim for yet another national and honorable recognition! We will keep the school community informed and engaged in this work throughout the year!

Athletics

See tap the links below for upcoming athletics events at the middle and high school campuses.

[New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus Athletics Calendar](#)

[Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle Schooln Campus Athletics Calendar](#)

