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Aaron Belloni, Principal



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Dear 5th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Although school as we know has been temporarily disrupted, Newport Middle School is still excited to begin your student's transition to 6th grade. The first step in your student's preparation for 6th grade is to forecast (select) the elective courses they hope to take next year. Due to our inability to meet with your student in person, the forecasting process will need to take place from home this year. The best option for selecting elective courses will be through our online course request system. However, we will accept email, phone and paper forecasting requests for those that cannot access the online system. We highly encourage parents to participate in the course selection process with your student.

Accessing the online system should be easy for your student. Their username and password are the same as their computer login they use for school. A video guide on how to forecast has been created to help students and parents navigate to the forecasting system, assist with login and to help select courses. Written directions are also available.

Forecasting for incoming 6th graders will take place from May 11th - 15th. You may log in and forecast at any time during that week. For your convenience, all forecasting information can be accessed on-line at nms.lincoln.k12.or.us under the Academics tab. **Additionally, staff will be hosting office hours to assist you on the following dates and times: Tuesday, May 12th 1-4pm AND Thursday, May 14th 1-4pm.** Please contact the office at Newport Middle School for assistance 541-265-6601, or email Kathy Wertz at kathy.wertz@lincoln.k12.or.us. Translation services are available by calling the school.

The transition to 6th grade is very exciting, but can make students and parents a bit nervous. Because we understand this transition comes with lots of questions, Newport Middle will be hosting an online 6th grade parent orientation night on June 1st from 5:30 to 6:30pm. We will send a reminder to parents and the link to the meeting a few days before the orientation. We are currently working on a separate student orientation plan.

6 th Grade Parent Orientation Night		
Please join us for detailed information on what to expect in 6 th grade!	June 1 st 5:30 – 6:30pm	Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/99079029869

We look forward to helping your students through the forecasting process and regret that we were unable to meet with them in person. We have heard wonderful things about the 5th grade class and are very excited to have them join us at Newport Middle School.

Sincerely,

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About NMS Classes and Scheduling:

Forecasting Program Location and Login Information:

- nms.lincoln.k12.or.us under the Academics tab
- Username: Student ID / DBN Number (it's their email plus the ZERO in front. *Do not include the @lincoln.k12.or.us*)
- Password: Date of Birth in this format - MM/DD/YYYY

General Information:

- 6th grade students have 5 48-minute periods and one 96-minute block period each day.
- All students have a 20-minute Homeroom period each day.

Core 6th Grade Classes:

The following courses are automatically assigned to your student:

- Humanities Block (Language Arts and Social Studies)
- Math
- Science
- PE (half year)
- Art (half year)
- Spanish (half year)
- ****Students participating in ESOL courses and students who are Native/Fluent Spanish speakers may not be required to take Spanish.**

Electives:

Your student will have 1.5 elective courses next year. You and your student have the opportunity to select these courses from our list of electives, which is attached to this letter. ***Due to the popularity of certain electives, students rarely get all of their first choices.*** For this reason, they are asked to select alternative elective courses. Also, depending on staff changes and level of interest from students, some courses may not be offered even though we forecasted for them.

Other Important Information:

- **Advanced Placement:** Advanced placements are only offered in Math for NMS 6th graders. This will not be reflected in the forecasting system. We work hard to place your student in the right math course. Teacher recommendation, test scores, current math level, work ethic and learning pace will be factors we consider when placing your student.
- **Special Education and ESOL Courses:** These courses will not be included in the forecasting system. As we gather information on the incoming 6th graders, we will place them in the courses that fit their individual needs.
- **Application/Recommendation Courses: All applications can be found on the NMS website under Academics in the forecasting page. (Application deadline: May 29th)**
 - **Yearbook:** Students wishing to take Yearbook must first forecast for the class and then complete the application.
 - **Leadership:** Students wishing to be in Leadership must complete an application and have recommendations from their current teachers. Leadership will not be available on our forecasting system.
 - **Spanish I and Advanced Art:** Students must take beginning level courses before being considered for recommendation to Spanish 1 and Advanced Art.
 - **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination):** The AVID Elective Course is a full year elective designed to help develop excellent students. AVID focuses on preparing students for college and future careers through the use of organization, collaboration, and inquiry.