

CTE Open House at New London High School

On February 9th the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department and the Art Department at New London High School will host an open house from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to see displays and students in action working on skill building projects that help prepare students for work in many different careers. The open labs will include the Welding, Machining, Small Engine Repair, Drafting & Engineering, Woodworking, Agriculture and Ceramics labs.



In the Drafting and Engineering lab, Project Lead the Way students will have Puzzle Cube Projects on display. Students will also be on hand to explain the Design Process and demonstrate 2-D and 3-D sketching/modeling using Autodesk Inventor and AutoCAD.

In the Agriculture Lab visitors can view rats on feeding trials from Small Animal Care, or even view the perch that the Natural Resource Class manages. Other projects from Veterinary Science and Intro to Agriculture will also be on display.

In the Woods and Metals labs, students will be working on class assignments. Staff will be available in all labs to answer questions and explain projects completed in our courses.

In the Ceramics Studio, pottery making demonstrations will be offered. Artwork will be on display from Ceramics I and II as well as drawings and paintings.

From NLHS Food Service Department.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If you would like to receive a low balance notice when your account reaches \$10.00 or below, please log on to your Skyward Family Access account and choose e-mail notifications. Click the area for low balance under Food Service and then save. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Laughlin, Food Service, at 982-8420, Ext. 1003.

Information on Scheduling for the 2012-2013 School Year

The School Counseling Department has already begun scheduling for the 2012-13 school year. Parental involvement in the course selection process is extremely important. Students have filled out course request forms and a copy has been sent home for a parental signature.

Current Juniors: Materials were distributed at a class meeting in early January. Selections will be made during class meetings held in late January.

Current Sophomores: All sophomores and their parents were scheduled for an Academic Planning Conference during the months of October through December. During these conferences, course selections, job shadows, and post-high school options were discussed.

Current Freshmen: Materials were distributed at a class meeting in January. Students met with their counselors and scheduled their selections during their Civics classes.

The Course Description Guide, which provides all course descriptions, can be viewed on the high school website. When on the site, go to the School Counseling Department tab. A drop box will list "Course Description Guide," which you click on to get to the booklet. This will help in making course selections.

After students meet with the counselors and make their selections, the results are tabulated and used to develop the master class schedule. Student schedules are computer generated and any course conflicts are resolved. For this reason, it is important that students make several alternative selections. These alternatives are used to resolve the conflicts. A finalized schedule will be given to students near the end of the school year. Students may make changes to their finalized schedules by having parents call the School Counseling Office or through a written request. All schedules must be finalized prior to the first day of school in September.

AP Students and Parents

There will be an informational meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the high school auditorium. At the meeting, the School Counseling Department will present information on payment for AP Tests, dates of AP Tests, how to prepare for upcoming tests, and other logistical information. AP teachers will also present information on appropriate study habits for the AP tests.

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ACT Test Dates at New London High School

February 11, 2012 (MS)	Registration Deadline is January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012 (HS)	Registration Deadline is March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012 (HS)	Registration Deadline is May 4, 2012

To register and for more information on the ACT go to www.actstudent.org The New London High School Code is 501-650.

College and Career Ready

NLHS Moving to Career Academy Framework

"When will I ever need to know anything about biology?" As a high school student, you may have asked yourself this question, yet years later you have clearly realized the relevance and importance of learning. The connection isn't quite as easy for a fifteen year old to make. If a student doesn't see how algebra, chemistry or literature will serve him in his future career, it's hard to keep him engaged in school.

Staff at New London High School have been well aware of this age-old concern, which is why during the past two years they began researching opportunities to enhance student engagement and performance. Their thorough examination has brought them to a point of proudly announcing the implementation of the Career Academies.

Career Academies are small learning communities established at the high school level that use career paths as an organizing framework for rigorous learning and relevant instruction. The Career Academy framework creates "schools-within-schools" in which groups of students in grades 10-12 focus on career themes. Here you will find students are provided a chance to connect what they are learning in core classes with real world skills they are practicing in their career courses. Providing students with that connection is essential to keeping them interested in their education. All New London High School students can look forward to being a part of a Career Academy during the upcoming 2012-13 school year.

New London High School will host four Career Academies which include the Business, Communication and Arts Academy; the Health and Human Services Academy; the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math) Academy; and our Freshman Academy which has been up and running during the current school year.

The staff at New London High School knows that there is plenty of evidence that shows that investment in career related experiences during high school help to produce substantial and sustained improvements in the employment prospects of students during their postsecondary years.

Financial Aid Night



Information on the financial aid process was provided at an important meeting held on Monday, January 11th, at 6:00 p.m. at the High School. The filing of the FAFSA and other financial aid sources were discussed along with a question and answer session. If you did not attend, please note the "College Goal Wisconsin" information under the next section.

A few helpful items for parents who will be filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

Do your taxes as early as possible. Financial Aid application deadlines vary for each post-high school institution. You will need your taxes completed in order to file the FAFSA. Financial Aid money can run out, so file early and be at the front of the line.

Filing the FAFSA form must be done on line. The information from the FAFSA is evaluated and your EFC (Expected Family Contribution in terms of money) is tabulated and sent electronically to the higher education institutions. From that information, the schools will develop a financial aid package. The financial aid packages are then sent to you for consideration.

Scholarships



Seniors should regularly check the scholarship board in the School Counseling Office. There are already over 50 scholarships posted with many deadlines fast approaching. Scholarship listings are posted on the School Counseling Department website. Each year there are scholarships that go unused because there are no applicants.

Information on the NewLASS scholarships will be available at the end of January and interviews will be scheduled in March. Students will be expected to dress appropriately for their scheduled interview time. A senior class meeting will be held on January 30th to inform students of the NewLASS scholarship process.

Campus visits for seniors and juniors are encouraged. Students can make arrangements for campus visits by calling the college admissions office or by registering on line. These visits should be made at least two-weeks in advance.

College Goal Wisconsin

The State of Wisconsin, through a partnership with the WI Technical Colleges, WI Association of Private Colleges, and the University of Wisconsin Colleges have joined together to provide an opportunity for both students and their parents to get direct assistance with filling out the FAFSA application. This opportunity, called College Goal Wisconsin, will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton or Sunday, February 19th at Marian University, located at the Slayer Center (45 S National Ave, Fond du Lac, WI). The event begins at 2:00 pm and concludes at 4:00pm. Please note: students should bring their parents, as well as completed federal income tax return for 2011, W-2 statements, and other income and/or benefit information.

Student Council



Student Council was busy with the Angel Tree during the month of December. This year there were eleven families (42 individuals) chosen for the Angel Tree. A tree was set up in the high school Counseling Office and decorated with ornaments for each person. The staff and students chose ornaments from the tree and bought gifts from each person's list. The Student Council also collected donations to buy gifts for the individuals that were left on the tree. They would like to give a big thanks to the community for donating approximately \$400. Thank you to everyone who helped out, bought gifts, or made monetary contributions!



Join DECA at Jolly Rogers for our Pizza for Profit Event

DECA's big fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Members of the club will be working at Jolly Rogers Pizzeria from 4-8 PM. Fifty percent of the profit from dine in sales from the night will be donated to DECA to help pay for district competition costs. Stop in at Jolly Rogers on Wednesday, February 8, between 4-8 p.m. to support DECA!

Representatives for colleges and technical schools visit New London High School throughout the school year. These visits are announced in school and all juniors and seniors are encouraged to sign up for them in the School Counseling Department.