

Dear Nock Community,

March is in full swing and we have a busy month of activities here at the Nock. Below are a few quick reminders:

- Today our art teachers, Ben Ober and Alissa Gallegos team up with orchestra director Jamie Sokolowski for an **art and orchestra exhibition**. Please join us from 6-7PM in the library. You can also follow the Nock art program on the Nock Gallery Blog at <http://nockgallery.blogspot.com/>
- Also a reminder that the **Parent Speaker** series continues with a presentation on “College Admissions: A Failed Rite of Passage” by Michael Thompson. This is also today, at 7PM in the Nock Auditorium
- The **8th grade travels to Newburyport High School** today to begin the class selection process. They will take a short tour of the school and receive information on selecting electives for freshman year. NHS guidance staff will be at the Nock the last week in March to enter student selections into Aspen X2. Student recommendations for honors level courses will be available in Aspen X2 on March 21. Eighth grade parents should look for an email letter from NHS Guidance Director Patricia Blackstock with more details on the NHS course placement process.
- The annual **Nock Talent Show** takes place on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 in the auditorium. This is a fundraiser for our DC trip and a fun opportunity to see some of our talented students in action. Students may come with or without an adult chaperone-please remind your child that all school and auditorium rules will be in effect (including no cell phone use in the auditorium).
- There is a **PTO meeting** on Wednesday March 15th at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Commune Cafe in downtown Newburyport.
- 6th grade parents and family are invited to attend the **exhibition of student Consumer Product Investigations**: 6 Crimson, Ms. Alexander: March 15, 8:45 – 10:15 AM; 6 Gold, Mr. Bissell: March 17, 8:45 – 10:15 AM
- There is **no school for students on Thursday, March 16**. All NPS staff will participate in a full day of professional development with a focus the district strategic goal of providing “supports so all students are ready and able to learn.”
- As a part of their civics studies, **8th grade students will travel to Boston** on March 23 for a meet and greet with Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. After the short meeting, students will tour the State House and the Massachusetts Superior Court House.
- In preparation for our 8th grade trip to DC in May, there will be a **mandatory meeting** on March 28 at 7PM in the Nock Auditorium. If you have any questions please contact trip leaders Kristin Maroncelli kmaroncelli@newburyport.k12.ms.us or Matt Sorter msorter@newburyport.k12.ma.us
- 6th grade students should have come home with forms for our **May trip to Camp Kieve**. Forms are due March 31. If you have questions about the forms or trip, please contact Dawn Deltorchio ddeltorchio@newburyport.k12.ma.us
- Remember to check out the Nock News blog at <https://rupertanocknews.blogspot.com/>

Thanks, as always, for your support of our programs.

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