



Superintendent's Corner

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. As we start the year, I encourage students to keep in mind a number of things that will help you excel.



- 1) Make use of the planner. Record your homework every class of every day. If there is no homework, write that. If you get assigned a project due in a few days or weeks, write that in your planner and plan backward – If it is a five page paper and you have 10 days to accomplish it, write notes every day to remind you (five page paper for history due in 10 days, five page paper for history due in nine day, etc). Planners were distributed at morning inspection this morning and must be brought to school each day.
- 2) Wear your uniform with pride, because believe it or not --- when you look good, you feel good, and when you feel good you are more likely to learn.
- 3) Eat a nutritious breakfast. NVMI provides FREE breakfast to all students who want it at period one each day. If you do not want the breakfast we provide, be sure you eat something before you leave home each morning.
- 4) Eat a nutritious lunch. NVMI provides FREE lunch to all students who want it at lunch time daily. If you do not want the lunch we provide, be sure to bring your own cold lunch. Note we do not provide access to microwaves for students.
- 5) Get enough sleep. Teenagers should really get TEN HOURS of sleep a night, which means if you get up at 6AM, you should have gone to sleep at 8PM the previous evening.
- 6) Ask questions in class. Pay attention in class. Everyone started today with STRAIGHT A GRADES. Keep them As. Do your assigned work.
- 7) Seek homework help before school in room 41 from 0645-0740 daily if you need help with homework or classwork, especially in math, but for any subject where you need it.
- 8) Attend our amazing after school program if you need a safe place to stay after school.
- 9) High school students who have un-remediated failing grades from a past semester will automatically be assigned to after school credit recovery classes every day until they finish successfully making up all failed courses. Try your best to complete these so you can be eligible for sports and other fun activities.



PLAN AHEAD – We will have an important **Back to School Night** speech and meeting on Wednesday September 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's quad. We really want 100% attendance of families at this important gathering. I will be speaking about important topics for both students and parents as part of what will hopefully become the “Per Ardua Ad Astra” Superintendent's Annual Address. Please make arrangements to be here on time for about two hours that evening.

DUTIES OF PARENTS: We will focus on one NVMI parent duty each week for the first fifteen weeks of school. Duty #1 is to ensure your child wears the correct and complete uniform daily and complies with all grooming and appearance standards. Pages 209 and 210 of the planner have a wonderful checklist from head to toe to help you with those standards. I highly recommend you and your child go through that checklist each morning before leaving the house to make sure they are in compliance. Parents doing this reinforces NVMI expectations, shows parental support for our policies, and reminds the child that all adults in their life are “on the same page” about expectations.

REMINDER that almost every single Friday of the school year is a B schedule. This replaces the Wednesday B schedules we have had for the past few years. That means dismissal on Wednesdays is the usual time of 1540 (3:40 p.m.) and dismissal every Friday is at 1358 (1:58 p.m.).

WHAT UNIFORMS DO WE WEAR AND WHEN:

Mondays through Thursdays are PT uniform days. We were originally planning to have HS cadets wear ACU uniforms, but we are unable to secure those, so we are ordering more PT pants and jackets and will distribute those to HS cadets as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, they can wear last year’s pants and jackets for PT days Monday through Thursday. Fridays will be Class B days. Middle schoolers will wear the black and white Class B and high school will wear the blue and gray Class B. We have several parents who will be helping sew the hems on pants this week. Be sure your child brings the class B pants they were issued (black for MS and blue for HS) to their LOC teacher who will direct them to the seamstresses on duty this week to get measured and get pant hems sewn. We will begin Class B uniform days NEXT FRIDAY, September 6 – NOT this Friday August 30.



SCIENCE SUPPLIES: We are still in need of science supply donations. Check out the list here: <http://www.novamil.org/news/science-supply-donations-needed> and please consider donating today.



EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL SUPPLY DONATIONS: When you came to orientation, you received information about our annual drive for emergency supplies and medical supplies. Please review this information and consider donating.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES - Here is the NVMI school supply list for all grades --- all classes. These are also posted at walmart.com and target.com.

All grades school supply list for North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy – The supplies on the list are recommended, but NOT REQUIRED. All supplies will be provided free of charge without question to any students who need the supplies. If families are willing and able to help by providing these, NVMI is very grateful, and you will receive parent service volunteer hour credit for all donations if you bring in receipts with the items. See list on page 7.

CADET ACTIVITIES BOARD NEWS:

The Cadet Activities Board, known as CAB for short, is like NVMI's student council. They plan and implement a variety of fun activities for all cadets. Each military platoon elects a student CAB representative. If you are interested in running for the CAB representative from your platoon, you must send an email to your cadet company S7 by the end of the day THIS WEDNESDAY. Elections will be held in all LOC classes this Thursday. If you have questions about this, see Mr. Jackson in room 53, Ms. Blanco in room 41, or Ms. Excell in room 34.

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS:

Welcome Back NVMI families! This year we have added several staff to our Special Education Department, below you will find staff names along with their classrooms. We would also like to let our families know that the Special Education Office, referred to as Special Programs (SP office), has moved and is now located in room 39. The Special Programs Office hours are 8am to 4pm, Monday through Thursday and 8am to 2pm on Fridays. Please feel free to come by and say hello!

<u>SPED STAFF LIST</u>			
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HS SDP TEAM			
Adorable	Alexander	HS SDP Math Teacher	Rm 30
Jimenez	Sonia	HS SDP Math T. Assistant	Rm 30
Wallace	Beverlee	HS SDP ENG Teacher	Rm 50
Jackson	Susy	HS SDP ENG T. Assistant	Rm 50
MS SDP TEAM			
Vasquez	Matthew	MS SDP MATH/SCI Teacher	Rm 52
Lopez	Marcela	MS SDP MATH/SCI T. Assistant	Rm 52
Tasch	Robert	MS SDP ENG/HIST Teacher	Rm 62
Rodriguez	Marisela (Ella)	MS SDP ENG/HIST T. Assistant	Rm 62
Gomez	Eric	MS SDP BII	Rm 52/62
SED TEAM			
Samson	Stephanie	SED Teacher 8th and 9th grade	Rm 54
Ortiz	Lidia	SED T. Assistant 8th grade	Rm 54
Servin	Amanda	SED T. Assistant 9th grade	Rm 54
Sanchez	Andrea	SED Counselor	Rm 54/39
RSP TEAM			
Jackson	Jon	RSP T. Assistant	Rm 98L
MENTAL HEALTH TEAM			
Redelman	Barrett	DIS/ERICs Counselor	Rm 39
Velasco	Irene	DIS/ERICs Counselor	Rm 39
Special Programs Office Team			
Venegas	Ileana	Admin Assistant	Rm 39
Uribe	Karla	Director of Special Education	Rm 39

ATHLETIC NEWS

Physicals

Any Student that wants to participate in any sports in Middle or High School needs to have a current physical from a medical doctor. Physicals are good up to one year; after that your child will need another; if you need the paperwork for a physical it is located in the main office.

Middle School News

Any Middle School student interested in flag football, baseball, girls' volleyball, or cross country will need to attend practice on the first day of school. If they are interested in boxing first day is on Thursday 8/29. Students will be picked up at PM formation

High School News

Any student interested in Cross Country, we will have a meeting after school on the first day back; make sure you attend if you're interested. Any girls that might want to try golf please email Coach Jon at jjackson@novamil.org

Games:

Friday 8/30/19 High School Football vs Sage Hill 7:00pm (Away)



Middle School Practice Times

Flag Football, Girls Volleyball: Monday -Thursday 3:45-4:50pm

Baseball, Cross Country: Monday-Thursday 3:45-4:50pm/Friday 2:00-4:30pm

Boxing: Thursday 3:45-4:45pm/Friday 2:00pm-3:30pm



High School Practice Times

Football: Monday-Thursday 3:45-4:50pm

Cross Country: Monday-Thursday 3:45-4:45pm

Girls Volleyball: Monday-Thursday 3:45-4:45pm/Friday 2:00-4:45pm

Boxing: Thursday 3:45-4:45pm/Friday 2:00pm-3:30pm



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS:

Hello! Welcome back NVMI families! There are some changes in the world of Student Support Services! Ms. Wilson is now the Director of Student Support Services, and LTC Solache has moved into the position of Dean of Students. We are still in the Student Support Services Office, along with Coach Herrera and Nick Jackson. The Special Education Department now has their own office, one row over from the SSSO in room 39.

We have added an additional level of support for our students by creating the Company Counselors. Ms. De Avila is the head counselor, and serves as academic counselor for HQS and Music. Alpha Company has Ms. Bailey, Bravo Company has CPT Theodore and Charlie Company has Ms. Sanchez.

We will be introducing them all as we go on.

We are all looking forward to an amazing NVMI year!

When you do your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/48-1276226, Amazon donates to North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy. You may use your current Amazon account and Amazon prices remain the same.

MEET SOME OF OUR NEW STAFF:



STEPHANIE NAJAR, Academic Dean

Stephanie Najar has been supporting the vision and mission of NVMI since February 2018. Prior to NVMI she was an accomplished middle and high school administrator, instructional coach, high school athletic director and teacher in southern California public and charter schools from 1997 to current. As the site principal, she successfully led her middle school through an extensive competitive process to become a prestigious National Schools to Watch school. Additionally, she increased state test scores every year during her five years at High Desert Middle School.

Mrs. Najar was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended the University of Arizona and achieved a BS degree in Psychology and Environmental Biology. She also attended California State University Northridge receiving a MA degree in Educational Administration Leadership, and has a Registered Nurse Diploma through Regents College. In order to afford college, she enlisted in the Navy Reserve and with the help of the GI Bill, she was able to complete multiple degree programs. Mrs. Najar retired from the United States Naval Reserve in 2008 where she served as a Hospital Corpsman attached to a Marine bulk fuel unit and Marine Heavy guns unit (0331).

Mrs. Najar is married to her husband Ed, also an educator and retired Marine; together they manage a fully functional ranch where she successfully fulfilled a personal goal of becoming a World Champion horse breeder and exhibitor. She also regularly competes in sporting clays competitively with her husband and judges community horse and goat shows for 4H.

ELIJAH COLE – New Art Teacher

I'm Mr. Cole. I'm trained in fine arts, and I received my degree in drawing from Cal State University Northridge. I love to see the many different styles and approaches to art that students can take. I'm looking forward to sharing the experience of creating with the students of NVMI.

STEVE HAN; BA in Mathematics

Single Subject Credential in Mathematics

Has taught multiple locations classes including Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, and IB Math

LUCIE GOTTLIEB

Ms. Gottlieb is excited to be starting her teaching career at NVMI. She will be teaching 6th grade. Last year, Ms. Gottlieb received her Masters in Education, with a specialty in 21st Century Learning. Ms. Gottlieb loves Harry Potter, animals, and traveling! Feel free to go and talk to her about anything!

REBECCA GOLDSMITH:

I am a currently a History teacher, and recently completed my English Credential. I completed my Bachelors Degree in History and my History Teaching Credential, at California State University Channel Islands, located in Camarillo and I completed my student teaching in Oxnard. I grew up in Simi Valley, where I still live with my husband of ten years. My husband and I are Ultra Marathon Runners. An Ultra Marathon is anything longer than a marathon. The longest race I have run is 35 miles; it took me 8 hours. I am currently training for a 50K, or a 31 mile race. I am hoping to finish in around 6 hours. My husband has completed eight, 100 mile races and will be competing in his first 200 mile race in September (no that is not a typo). I have many other interests outside of running, including travel/wildlife photography, cooking, gluten free baking, and of course, traveling all the time! However, aside from teaching, running pretty much consumes all of my time. I look forward to another year at NVMI and I have high hopes that it will be wonderful!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLANNING AHEAD: (If you can figure out a way to put these into an actual calendar -families have been asking for that format to make it easier to read and post)

- Wednesday August 28 – deadline for CAB application emails
- Thursday August 29 – CAB election in LOC classes
- Friday August 30 – Note that NVMI has school even though LAUSD schools do not
- Friday August 30 -First weekly B schedule with 1358 dismissal
- Friday August 30 – First football game vs. Sage Hill
- Monday – September 2- NO SCHOOL FOR LABOR DAY
- Wednesday September 4 – Back to School Night at 7:30 pm in the quad
- Friday September 6 – Football vs Sun Valley HS
- Friday September 6 – First of weekly detentions for students who earned demerits the previous week
- Saturday September 8 – First MASH (Missed Assignment Study Hall) from 0800-1200
- Friday September 13 – FB v Discovery
- Friday September 13 – Girls VB game
- Saturday September 14- MASH 0800-1200
- Friday September 20 – Sadie Hawkins Dance
- Friday September 20 – FB vs Sherman Oaks
- Friday September 20 – Girls VB game
- Saturday September 21 – MASH 0800-1200
- Saturday September 21 – PAC meeting at 0830
- Saturday September 21 – Parent Academy Workshop at 1030AM
- Monday September 23 – Girls VB game
- Wednesday September 25 – Pass in Review for new cadets to ring into their companies
- Thursday September 26 – NVMI Board of Trustees meeting at 4PM
- Saturday September 28 – Los Angeles Korean Festival Parade at 3PM
- Saturday September 28 – Spaghetti Dinner at 5PM in MPR and Covered Eating Area – Opportunity Raffle winners drawn
- Saturday September 28 – MASH 0800-1200
- Monday September 30 – Girls VB game
- Friday October 4- FB vs New Designs
- Friday October 4 -Girls VB game
- Saturday October 5 – MASH 0800-1200
- Monday October 7 – Girls VB game
- Friday October 11- C Schedule

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2019-2020

- Binder clips, large – 1 small box
- Binder clips, medium – 1 small box
- Binder clips, small – 1 small box
- Calculator, advanced scientific TI-84 Plus – recommended but not required for high schoolers (you can get this for about \$85, don't pay more!) – will be used in both math and science classes
- Calculator, basic scientific TI 30-XIIS – recommended but not required for middle schoolers (less than \$10 – don't pay more) – will be used in both math and science classes
- Clipboard – one each
- Crayons - 24 pack - one each
- Disinfecting wipes – three containers
- Dry erase eraser – 1 each
- Dry erase markers, set of four different colors – 1 pack
- Envelopes, 4 1/8" x 9 1/2", White, 500/Box -1 box
- Glue sticks – pack of six
- Handi-wipes – three containers
- Kleenex – three boxes
- Markers, washable – two sets of 12
- Notebook, 5 subject spiral – one each IN YOUR COMPANY COLOR – Alpha = Red, Bravo = Green, Charlie = Yellow, Music = Purple, HQ = Black
- Paper clips, large - 1 box
- Paper clips, small - 1 box
- Paper, copy (20 weight, packs of 500 sheets) – 4 packs of 500 sheets
- Pencils, lead (either standard or mechanical with .7 mm lead) with erasers – 24
- Pens, black – 12
- Pens, blue – 12
- Pens, green - 3
- Pens, purple - 3
- Pens, red - 3
- Post-it notes, standard 3"X3" - 1 large pack
- Post-it Super Sticky Easel Pad 25 x 30 Inches 30 Sheets/Pad - 1 pad each
- Ruler, one foot – 1 each
- Scissors, school – one pair
- Scotch tape – three standard sized rolls
- Staples, standard size – 1 pack of 5000
- 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade History classes will need a 5 Subject Spiral Notebook (College Rule, 11" by 8.5")

