



New London-Spicer 2024-25 School Calendar

"INSPIRE EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY"



www.nls.k12.mn.us/staffdirectory



<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/academiccalendar>



For Food Service Main Line: 320.354.2252 Press 7
www.nls.k12.mn.us/menus

Together with our communities, we will provide a world-class education and strive to be the district of choice for students and families.

New London-Spicer District Information

schools



Superintendent, Jamie Boelter

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 0



High School Principal, Bonnie Spohn

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 4

Attendance Line: 320.354.1417



Middle School Principal, Dr. Jenn Fuchs

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 3

Attendance Line: 320.354.1411



Prairie Woods Elementary, Principal Randy Juhl

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 2

Attendance Line: 320.354.1418



**Prairie Meadows Early Childhood Coordinator,
Jennifer Hellickson**

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 5



Community Education Director, Tricia Lilleberg

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 6



Activities Director, Thayne Johnson

Main Line 320.354.2252 Press 6

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PTO

Interested in joining the pto?
email: contactpto@isd345.org
Web: www.nls.k12.mn.us/pto

nls sports boosters

Contact: Mike Novak, President
Email: MNovak@fischerlaser.com
Phone: 320.894.6151

weather

Weather Related Announcements

320.354.2252 Press 1



For the Full Academic Calendar, go to:
www.nls.k12.mn.us/academiccalendar

Committed to Enrichment

ACTIVITIES

- Art Club
- Band
- Choir
- Drama
- FFA
- Jazz Band
- Knowledge Bowl
- Letterclub
- Math Masters/League
- National Honor Society
- Pep Band
- Robotics

ATHLETICS

- Adaptive Bowling
- Alpine Skiing
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics

- Science Club
- Speech
- Student Council
- Visual Arts
- Yearbook



**NLS Toolcats Robotics Team
Attends Worlds in Houston, Texas!**

- Hockey
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Trapshooting
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

lunch



Please keep money in your student's lunch account for Ala Carte items and second helpings. Online payment is available using debit or credit cards through Parent Portal. If you have questions, please contact: Vicki Mickelson at 320.354.2252 ext. 2607.

Menus

www.nls.k12.us/menus

We ask all our families to complete the Educational Benefits Application that is included in this calendar or online at: www.nls.k12.mn.us/mealinfo

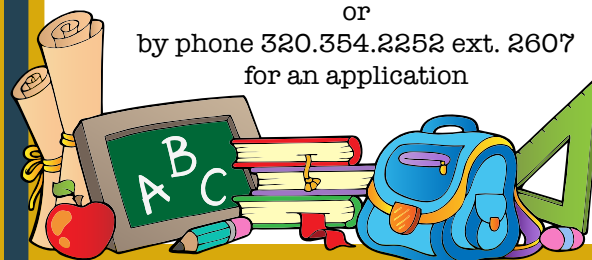
Lactose Reduced Milk Available At School

Attention Parents: Lactose Reduced Milk will be provided by Food and Nutrition Services upon written request of parents/guardians per the district's Special Dietary Needs Policy.

All kids need to be fed to be ready to learn! The Link along with local churches, service clubs, and businesses are continuing to provide the "BackPack Program" for NLS students. Student participants will receive a bag of food weekly to bring home over the weekend (2 snacks + 2 entrees + 2 juices + 2 breakfast items). This program is free of charge. To sign your student(s) up, please contact Vicki Mickelson, Food Service Clerk, by email mickelsonv@isd345.org

or

by phone 320.354.2252 ext. 2607
for an application



To watch live streaming
of our events, visit:
[http://fan.hudl.com/
usa/mn/new-london/
organization/5436/new-
london-spicer-high-school](http://fan.hudl.com/usa/mn/new-london/organization/5436/new-london-spicer-high-school)



PreK - Grade 4 Supply Lists

This list is also available on the school website
<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/schoolsupplies>

Cub Kids Preschool

1 pack regular markers
1 pack Crayola pipsqueak markers
1 pack dry erase markers
1 plastic folder (Please label with name)
1 spiral notebook for journaling (Please label with name)
1 inch 3-ring binder (Please label with name)
1 glue bottle
4 Glue sticks (Elmer's purple glue sticks)
Crayola watercolor paint
2 containers of Play dough
Kleenex
Disinfecting wipes
Water bottle (Please label with name)
Blanket for rest time (If full day student)
Extra outfit in case of an accident or spill (to be kept in locker)
Family Picture

Kindergarten

3 boxes of 24 count crayons
6 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original colors, broad line
2 black thin dry erase markers
1 yellow highlighter
2 plastic bottom pocket folders
Scissors with round tip, child sized (Please label with name)
1- 4oz bottle of school glue
10-12 small glue sticks
1 set of 8-color watercolor paint
1 four pack of playdough (4 oz or larger)
Last name A-M: disinfectant wipes
Last name N-Z: hand sanitizer
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 1

3 boxes of 24 count crayons
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
2 pink eraser
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original colors, broad line
1 pack of colored pencils
2-4 black low odor dry erase markers
2 yellow highlighters
1 blue folder
1 red folder

1 green folder
Scissors
Plastic pencil box with lid
10-12 glue sticks
1 container disinfectant wipes
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 2 - Please bring items labeled with your child's name

2 boxes of 24 count crayons
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
1 small handheld pencil sharpener with cover
for shavings
2 packs of 8-10 washable markers, original
colors, broad line
1 box of 12 colored pencils
4 black or blue low odor dry erase markers
2 highlighters
1 red pen
4 plastic bottom pocket folders (1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 red)
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
Scissors (Please label with name)
Plastic pencil box with lid
12 glue sticks
1 container disinfectant wipes
Last name A-I: gallon ziplock bags
Last name J-R: snack ziplock bags
Last name S-Z: sandwich ziplock bags
2 boxes of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 3

Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers
24 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 pink eraser
1 pack of 8-10 thin washable markers
4 black low odor dry erase markers
1 highlighter
1 red pen
1 blue pen
3 pocket folders
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
1 wide-ruled composition notebook
1 3-ring binder

Scissors (Please label with name)
Pencil box
1 large glue stick
2 containers disinfectant wipes
Last name A-I: gallon ziplock bags
Last name J-R: quart ziplock bags
Last name S-Z: sandwich ziplock bags
1 box of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Grade 4

48 yellow #2 sharpened pencils
1 box of 12 colored pencils
12-24 black low odor dry erase markers
1 highlighter
1 black ultra fine point Sharpie felt tip or marker
3 black regular point Sharpie felt tip or marker
4 pocket folders
1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
1 wide-ruled composition notebook
Scissors (label)
Pencil box
4 glue sticks
1 container of disinfectant wipes
Last name A-M: gallon ziplock bags
Last name N-Z: sandwich ziplock bags
2 boxes of tissues
Bookbag/ backpack (regular size, no wheels)
Student Headphones

Our specialists (Art, Music, PE, STEM) could use the following items for their students:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| • Colored Pencils (8 to 10 Pack) | • Washable Markers (8 to 10 Pack-Not Skinny Markers) |
| • 24 Count Crayons | • Large Glue Sticks |
| • 8-12 Count Crayons (Primary Colors) | • Expo Markers |
| • Large Pink Erasers | • Sharpie Markers |
| • Disinfecting Wipes | |

OTHER ITEMS MAY BE REQUESTED OR NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

PARENT NOTE:
Lockers DO NOT
accommodate book bags with
wheels. Locker size is 6" x 10"

PW Student Headphones: We have transitioned our student devices to Chromebooks. All students will need to have headphones to utilize for daily instruction and testing. Families may purchase headphones through school or on their own. In addition, please talk to your child about taking care of their headphones as they will need to purchase another pair if they break. If purchasing on your own, we ask that the headphones be over the ear, plug directly into the device (not Bluetooth) and are compatible with **HP Chromebook 11 G9 Education Edition**. The two headphones will be available to purchase at school on our 2 back-to-school conference days.



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Grades 5-8 School Supply Lists

GRADE 5

- 1 - Expandable folder
- 1 - Pencil Pouch
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- Headphones (non-blue tooth)
- 4 - Spiral Notebooks
- 1 - Box of Kleenex
- 2 packs - #2 Wooden Pencils
- 1 pack BLACK Dry Erase Markers
- Large Eraser
- Ink Pens
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Clorox Wipes

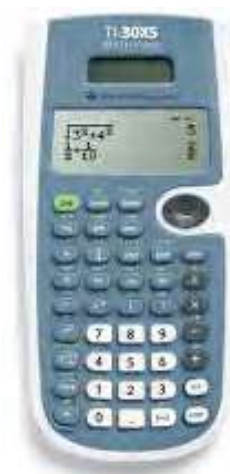
GRADE 6

- Expo Whiteboard Eraser
- Expandable Folder
- Markers (fine point & regular)
- Erasers, Scissors
- #2 Pencils (several packages)
- 2 - Single Notebooks
- Pencil Pouch
- Colored Pencils (assorted colors)
- 1 - Composition Book
- 1 - Large Box of Kleenex
- 1 - Glue Stick or bottle
- 4+ - White Board/Expo Markers (low odor)

Scientific Calculator-TI 30XS MultiView (used in 6-7 grades)

GRADE 6 BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 1 (for your instrument)



GRADE 7

Scientific Calculator-TI 30XS MultiView (used in 6-7 grades)

- Notebooks
- 1-LARGE Glue Stick
- Large Eraser - LOTS of Pencils
- 2 - Dry Erase Markers
- Note Cards 100/4x6
- Colored Pencils and/or markers
- 5 -Folders or Organizer
- Highlighters
- 2 - Correcting Pens
- 2 - LARGE boxes of Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes
- Headphones (non-Bluetooth)

GRADE 7 BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 2 (for your instrument)

GRADE 8

- 1-5 Subject Notebook
- Expandable Folder or 8 Individual Folders
- 8 pk - Colored Pencils
- Pencils - MANY
- 2 - Correcting Pens
- 200 - 4x6 Note cards (lined)
- 1 - Box of Kleenex
- 1 - Multi Pack of Highlighters
- Calculator TI-84 Plus CE**
- 1 - Clorox Wipes
- 1 pk Page Flags
- 2 pks Post-It Notes/Sticky Notes
- Headphones (non-Bluetooth, labeled/give to Advisory)

GRADE 8 BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- 1 - Black 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Instrument & Accessories (reeds, oils, sticks/mallets)
- Measures of Success Book 2 (for your instrument)



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BACK *to* SCHOOL

New London-Spicer Community Schools

Dear New London-Spicer Staff, Students and Community,

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope this message finds you rested, rejuvenated and ready to embark on a journey filled with growth and achievement.

As we gather once again within the walls of our school buildings, let us remember the power and privilege of education. It is here that dreams are nurtured, curiosity is cultivated, and futures are shaped. Each of you plays a vital role in our collective mission to inspire every student, every day.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school community exceptional. I am confident that together, we will make this school year one of our best yet!

In Education,

Jamie Boelter

New London-Spicer Superintendent
boelterj@isd345.org | 320.354.2252





August 2024


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Need help with Parent Portal? Contact Stacy Adams in the District Office: adamss@isd345.org 320.354.2252 Press 0				1	2	3
				https://mncloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/nls.jsp		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			New Teacher Training	Annual Verification Opens on Parent Portal Parent/Athlete Meeting Grades 7-12 6:30 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Fall Sports Start Grades 9-12					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Teacher Workshop	Annual Verification Deadline on Parent Portal Staff Inservice Days	HS Students/Staff Picture Day 1-7 pm HS Welcome Back Event 2-7 pm	Teacher Workshop		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	First Day of School (9-12) Fall Sports Start Grades 7-8 K-8 Picture Day(s) 7:30-4:30 pm Back to School Conferences (by appt) Grades PreK-8		First Day of School (PreK-8)			



AT WOLF RIDGE, OUR STUDENTS...

- Develop deeper relationships with students and staff
- Gain independence and confidence
- Connect with the environment
- Feel pride in their accomplishments

For information regarding Wolf Ridge expenses, fundraisers, and packing lists please visit: <http://www.nls.k12.mn.us/wolfridge>



September 2024


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1	2 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	3 Grade 5 Wolf Ridge Pizza Sale Fundraiser Begins	4	5	6	7
8	9 PreK Picture Day 8:30 - 10:30 am	10 PreK Picture Day 8:30 - 10:30 am Prairie Woods PTO Meeting Respect Retreat Grade 9	11	12	13 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	14 CatPAC SERIES: "Roll On" Alabama Tribute Show Get tickets at nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
15	16 Homecoming Week	17 Dine Out for PreK Fundraiser @ Alley on Ash 4:30-7 pm	18	19	20 Homecoming Game vs. Litchfield	21
22	23 6th Grade Candy Bar Fundraiser Begins	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 5th Grade Wolf Ridge Trip Sept 30-Oct 4	<p>Need help with Parent Portal?</p> <p>Contact Stacy Adams in the District Office: adamss@isd345.org 320.354.2252 Press 0</p> 				

NLS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND COUNSELORS

seek to help students overcome problems that impede learning and are here to promote success for all students. They are available to all students and their families for the following:

- Individual and group counseling for social, emotional, and academic issues or concerns
- Crisis intervention and as advocates for students
- Mental health education, resources, and referrals
- A link between the home, school, and community
- Academic counseling preparing for graduation and higher education opportunities

Reach out to your child(ren)'s Principal's Office to connect with a school social worker or counselor.





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		1 5th Grade Wolf Ridge Trip Sept 30-Oct 4	2	3	4 Grades 5-12 Grade Check MN Fallen Heroes FB Game (MNFHG) 5-9 pm	5
6	7 SOCON: Taylor Hooton Foundation Grades 7-12 - All Day Public - 7:00 pm	8 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14 PSAT	15 PSAT Prairie Meadows Fall Festival 5:30-7:00 pm	16	17 Fall Break NO SCHOOL	18 Fall Break NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 Dance STARTS HS Band/Choir Concert 7:00 pm	22 Grades 5-12 Picture Retakes	23	24 PreK Picture Retakes Grades K-4 Picture Retakes	25 End of Quarter 1 Grade Check	26 CatPAC SERIES: "The Wonder Bread Years" Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
27	28 Girls Hockey STARTS Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL	29 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	30 Quarter 2 BEGINS	31 HALLOWEEN		



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WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For information on eLearning,
please visit www.nls.k12.mn.us/elearning





November 2024


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 CAMPUS To check your student's grades, attendance, and as a way to stay up to date with important information regarding New London-Spicer School District please be sure that your contact information is up to date in Parent Portal. https://mncloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/nls.jsp	Campus Parent					1
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Election Day NO SCHOOL for PreK				
10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14	15	16
	3rd Annual Veterans Breakfast - 7 am Alpine Skiing STARTS Gymnastics STARTS Girls Basketball STARTS Boys Hockey STARTS	Prairie Meadows PTO Meeting			Grades 5-12 Grade Check	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Wrestling STARTS Boys Basketball STARTS			HS Musical 7 pm		
24	25	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30
	MS Band Concert Grades 6-12 7 pm	PreK Families Craft Day 10-11:15 am	Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	CatPAC SERIES: "Celtic Christmas" 7 pm Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales



We are continually adding events to our Academic Calendar, be sure to stay connected by viewing:
www.nls.k12.mn.us/academiccalendar



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New London-Spicer District will be utilizing up to five eLearning days when school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

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December 2024



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1	2	3 8th Grade Field Trip: Great Theatre	4	5	6	7
8	9 Truth & Taxation Public Meeting 6 pm MS Choir Concert Grades 6-8 7 pm PW Book Fair	10 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	11	12 Prairie Meadows Cookies & Milk with Santa 5-7 pm	13 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	14
15	16 HS Band & Choir Concert Grades 9-12 7 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	31	 <p>IMPORTANT! Senior Photos are due February 1. Information about Senior Photos can be found on the High School Webpage.</p> 			



To check scheduling of NLS Activities, please go to:
<http://wcconference.org/> and click on New London-Spicer.

To watch live streaming of our events,
<http://fan.hudl.com/usa.mn.new-london/organization/5436/new-london-spicer-high-school/>



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	Download the Campus Parent Portal app for easy access		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	2	3 WCC Honor Band/Choir	4
	5	6	8	9 End of 1st Semester End of Quarter 2 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	10 Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	14 Prairie Woods PTO Meeting Quarter 3 Begins	15	16	17	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	21	22	23	24 HS One Act @ NLS	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Kindness Retreat Grade 4 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	



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#NLSWILDCATS be sure to check the WC Conference Link below for up to date information on activities throughout the year! Also, available through this link is the option to sign up for the free **"notify me app"** which will send you notifications to your cell phone when changes occur.
<http://wcconference.org/public/genie/16/school/2005/>





February 2025

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Enroll Your Little One In Cub Kids Preschool!

The mission of Cub Kids is to ensure that no child starts behind; and that every child is ready to enter Kindergarten as a confident and capable student. Cub Kids serves children ages 3-5 years old. Download and complete your application at: www.nls.k12.mn.us/earlychildhood



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HS One Act @ Sauk Rapids

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PreK Families
Muffins in the Morning
10-11:15 am

Dine Out for PreK
Fundraiser at O'Neil's
4:30-7 pm

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HS Vocal Solo & Ensemble
3:30-9 pm

11

Prairie Woods
PTO Meeting

12

13

Youth Frontiers
Courage Retreat
Grade 7

14

VALENTINE'S DAY

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workshop

15

16

17 **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

NO SCHOOL
(Possible Student Snow
Make-up Day)

National FFA Week

18

NO SCHOOL
Staff Development
(Possible Student Snow
Make-up Day)

19

20

21

Grades 5-12 Grade Check

22

23

24

Duck Cup Memorial
Grades 5-12

Instrumental
Solo/Ensemble
@ Eden Valley-Watkins

25

Duck Cup Memorial
Presentation for Public
7 pm

26

27

Adaptive Bowling
Practice STARTS

Senior Scholarships
Application Opens

28

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FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

**Please Note: You never pay to apply for FAFSA. Any site, person, or form that asks for payment is a scam.*

Scholarships – We have a large variety of scholarships available to our seniors. Criteria can range from merit, major, volunteer work, career or technical skill, and more. Please encourage your senior to apply for these scholarships.

NLS scholarship information is available at
www.nls.k12.mn.us/scholarships

**Please Note: Additional scholarship opportunities can usually be found through college websites.*

Remember your high school counselor is available to help!





March 2025

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Are you new to the district or had a new baby?

Get them added to our census by going to our website:
www.nls.k12.mn.us/enrollment



2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	HS Vocal Solo/Ensemble @ Eden Valley-Watkins		PreK Families Donuts with Dudes 10-11:15 am	High School Spring Play 7pm		CatPAC SERIES: "An Evening with Goucho" 7 pm Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Softball Practice STARTS Track/Field Practice STARTS Band/Choir Concert Grades 9-12 7:00 pm	Township Elections No Activities after 6 pm	Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	Senior Scholarship Application Deadline	End of Quarter 3 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ST PATRICK'S DAY Golf Practice STARTS Baseball Practice STARTS SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Boys Tennis STARTS Teacher Workshop NO SCHOOL					
30	31					
	Large Group Music Contest @ ACGC	Quarter 4 BEGINS Book Bingo Grades K-4 6:30 pm				



GET LOTS OF REST. STAY HYDRATED. EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST. STAY ACTIVE.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are the standardized tests in reading, math, and science that public schools in Minnesota give to students. The state uses the tests to see how well schools are teaching the state academic standards and grade-level benchmarks for the standards.

For practice tests, go to: <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/>



We offer
Community Education
classes all year round.

Check it out at www.nlscommunityed.com



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		1	2	3 HS Speech Subsection Sloppy Joe Supper 4:30-7:30 pm	4 Grades 5-12 Grade Check	5 CatPAC SERIES: "The Glenn Miller Orchestra" Get tickets: nls.k12.mn.us/ticketsales
6	7	8 ACT - Juniors Senior EMT Testing Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	9	10	11	12 HS Speech Sections
13	14	15	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 EASTER	21 Staff Development NO SCHOOL	22	23	24	25 PreK Families Grandparents Day 10-11:15 am MS Choir Concert 7 pm Grades 5-12 Grade Check	26
27	28 HS Choir Concert 7 pm Staff Appreciation Week	29 AAPPL Test Senior Spanish 8-12 pm	30 High School Honors and Awards Night	Seniors please take time to look through the resources available to you. For information regarding the Senior Class Trip, Yearbook, and Senior Photos, please visit: https://www.nls.k12.mn.us/seniorresources		



At NLS, we encourage

Respect
Ownership
Attitude
Responsibility

behaviors for all students.
 These expectations follow our
 students throughout their K-12
 experience.



May 2025


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Sign up for PALS Before/After School Program (NLS K-4th graders only)</p> <p>Check out: www.nlscommunityed.com or the NLS Community Ed catalog for the 2025-26 school year PALS program! <i>Deadline to register is August 9</i> (unless filled prior).</p>				1	2	3
				Staff Appreciation Week		Grand March 3 pm Prom
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	MS/HS Band Concert 7 pm		HS Senior Art Show and Fundraiser 5-7 pm HS Fine Arts Awards 7 pm	FFA Plant Sale in Greenhouse		
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17
FFA Banquet 6 pm	AP Calculus and AP Precalculus Exams	Prairie Woods PTO Meeting	HS Athletic Awards 7 pm Senior Check Out Hours Morning	Senior Check Out Hours Afternoon	Grades 5-12 Grade Check SENIORS LAST DAY	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
GRADUATION 2 pm		MS Community Service Day/ Student Showcase		PreK Trike-A-Thon & End of the Year Celebration 4-5:30 pm	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30	31
		Teacher Workshop Start of Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 am - 5 pm				

Graduation!



HONOR YOUR SENIOR

Dedicate a seat in the NLS Performing Arts center to honor your senior!

\$250 per seat, two lines of text, max of 15 characters per line.

For more info, contact: Megan Norgren, norgrenm@isd345.org

Dedicate a seat today!



June 2025


<http://www.nls.k12.mn.us>

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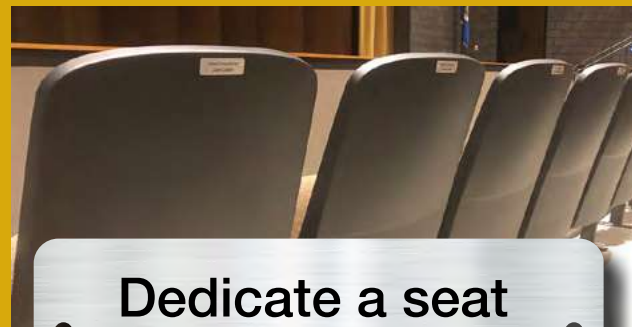
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15 FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH Buildings Closed	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	 7th-12th Activity Registration for the 2025-26 School Year - Opens After July 1st Make sure your child's sports physical is completed prior to the start date of any athletic practice. Students will not be allowed to practice without a current physical on file in the Community Ed/Activities Office. All incoming 7th graders & most 10th graders will need a physical. Physicals are good for 3 years. To check your child's physical date please call the Activities Office at 320-354-1406				

It is the mission of the New London-Spicer educational Foundation to enhance the quality of education in the New London-Spicer School District by helping fund programs for the benefit of all students. Donations made are tax deductible under the Foundation's 501c3 status and will be used to support programs and innovative opportunities that cannot be supported by the limited school funds.



**Dedicate a seat
today!**

Open to all –

Dedicate A Seat in the Performing Arts Center. Each dedication is \$250.00. Dedications are silver with black lettering and are mounted to the back of the theatre seats as a permanent fixture.

For more information, please contact, Megan Norgren via email: norgrenm@isd345.org or by phone 320.354.2252 Ext. 2422.

Two endowments, Two focuses

- The Community Endowment for the Arts (CEFA) supports the Arts for all students PreK-12 through a yearly grant program.
- The NLS Educational Endowment supports Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) initiatives throughout the district.



To donate: www.nls.k12.mn.us/educationalfoundation



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SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Become an NLS Fitness Center Member for more information about our fitness center, visit: www.nls.k12.mn.us/fitnesscenter			1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

NLS Board of Education



Go Wildcats!

The NLS Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except in months where there is only one board meeting. The meetings begin at 4:30 p.m., and are held in the District Conference Room located in the high school (101 4th AVE SW, New London, MN). Although rare, when it is necessary, the public will be informed of instances when a special meeting or a change of meeting dates or times must be called. In both instances, the public will be informed of such meetings whenever possible. Meetings are open to the public. For meeting agendas, minutes, and the school board calendar, please visit:

www.nls.k12.mn.us/schoolboardagendas

Dates and times are subject to change for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

NEW LONDON-SPICER COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTS



CATPAC SERIES

ALL SHOWTIMES WILL BE AT 7PM
IN THE NLS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
101 4TH AVE SW, NEW LONDON, MN

SEP
14

"ROLL ON" -
ALABAMA TRIBUTE SHOW

OCT
26

"THE WONDER BREAD YEARS"

NOV
30

"CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS"

MAR
8

"AN EVENING WITH GROUCHO"

APR
5

"THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA"

Sponsored by:
Dooley's Petroleum, Jennie-O, Lake Region Bank,
and Rambow

Season Ticket Holders (\$135) save \$20!



Individual Tickets Available

GET YOURS TODAY!
NLS.K12.MN.US/TICKETSALES

MORE THAN AN APPLICATION

We ask that ALL our families complete the Educational Benefits Application to help ensure continued funding for our schools:
www.nls.k12.mn.us/mealinfo



COLLEGE APPS, SAT, ACT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT FEES

DISCOUNT ON FEES ASSOCIATED WITH APPLYING FOR COLLEGE AND TAKING ACADEMIC TESTS.

SCHOOL FUNDING

INCREASED FUNDING TO ENSURE STUDENTS RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO RECEIVE A COMPREHENSIBLE, WORLD CLASS EDUCATION.



COMPUTER NETWORK

RECEIVE MORE FUNDING FOR INTERNET ACCESS, WIRELESS AND NETWORK SERVICES. MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: VICKI MICKELSON
EMAIL: MICKELSONV@ISD345.ORG
PHONE: 320.354.2252 EXT. 2607



Join the Wildcat Fun!

Be a Season Fan!

2024-2025 Season Passes

More information after August 10

Adult Individual Pass.....	\$70.00	Family Pass	\$150.00
Senior Individual Pass (Over 55).....	\$50.00	Senior Golden Pass	
Student Individual Pass.....	\$50.00	(Over 62 & live in the NLS School District)....	\$0.00

Seniors 62+ that reside in the NLS School District may sign up for a yearly Golden Pass. This pass gives you free admission to all home events during the regular season. (playoffs and tournaments are not eligible for the discounted admission) -- To sign up you may go online at www.nlscommunityed.com and your pass will be waiting for you at the gate when you arrive, register in person at the gate at the first event you attend, or mail in your registration and your pass will be at the gate for you.

annual notifications & handbook

www.nls.k12.mn.us/annualnotifications

Families are mandated to review the policies and notifications annually with their children. The school district is also required to provide families access to these policies. These policies and notifications can be found in our District Wide Handbook, on our District's Website (nls.k12.mn.us/annualnotifications), or in print upon request.

Policy 402 - Disability Nondiscrimination
Policy 404 - Employment Background Check
Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence
Policy 419 - Tobacco Free Environment
Policy 440 - Discrimination Prohibition/Title IX
Policy 502 - Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person
Policy 503 - Student Attendance
Policy 506 - Student Discipline
Policy 514 - Bullying
Policy 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination
Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
Policy 526 - Hazing Prohibition
Policy 531 - Pledge of Allegiance
Policy 533 - Wellness
Policy 550 - Student School Fees
Policy 560 - Meal Charging
Policy 613 - Graduation Requirements
Policy 618 - Assessment of Student Achievement
Policy 709 - Student Transportation Safety
Educational Benefits Information
Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal For Student Participation in Statewide Testing



Special Education Info

NLS provides inclusive and comprehensive special education services for students with disabilities from birth through 22 years of age. Special education is instruction, specific to the child, at no cost to parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. Students with disabilities are general education students first. They receive special education support services in conjunction with the general education curriculum. Special education is an instructional service, not a place.

Special education services are available to address the educational needs of students that are identified through a comprehensive special education evaluation with one or more disabling conditions. If you suspect your child is not progressing in their education and may have one of the disabling conditions, please contact a special education coordinator:

Prairie Meadows (Birth-Preschool Age)

Sarah Goelz
goelzs@isd345.org

Prairie Woods (Kindergarten-Grade 4)

Sara Weiss
weiss@isd345.org

NLS Middle School (Grades 5-8)

Paula Turnquist
turnquistp@isd345.org

NLS High School (Grades 9-12)

Amy Shimek
shimeka@isd345.org

Questions?

Contact: Hannah Hanson, Director of Special Education,
HansonHM@isd345.org or
by phone: 320.354.2252 Ext. 2442

Vocational Opportunities Annual Public Notification

New London-Spicer Schools offers a variety of vocational opportunities through the Agriculture Education, Business Education, Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Science Departments.

This notice is to inform students, parents, employees and the general public that these opportunities are offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. Admission in the specific courses is determined by grade level, and in some cases, completion of prerequisite courses.

The district has designated the following individuals to coordinate compliance with the federal laws Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Section 504 Coordinator:

Name: Ann Dobmeier

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
Ext. 2389

Alternate Section 504 Coordinator:

Name: Brian Westby

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
Ext. 2680

Title IX Coordinator:

Name: Jamie Boelter

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
ext. 2100

Alternate Title IX Coordinator:

Name: Thayne Johnson

Office Address: 101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

Office Phone Number: (320) 354-2252
ext. 2603

PROGRAMS

AGRIBUSINESS

Exploring Agribusiness
Vet Science
Landscaping
Welding I and II
Small Engines and Power
Electricity
Agriculture Structures
Advanced Metals
Ag CO-OP

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Accounting I
Computer Applications
Computer Programming,
I and II
Desktop Publishing
Entrepreneurship
Merchandising and Sales
Personal Financial Management
Web Page Design
Yearbook Production
You and the Law

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Architectural Design
Introduction to Woodworking
Advanced Cabinetry
Industrial Technology
Robotics
Digital Media I and II
Cateye Broadcasting
Cateye Production
Transportation Technology

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Beginners Sewing Fun
Teen and Family Issues
Child Development
Creative Foods
Life Skills

The link below will take you to the district website for the career and technical course descriptions for the above courses that are offered.

<https://www.nls.k12.mn.us/highschoolhomepage>
then click on Curriculum Guide

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison
Jamie Boelter
320-354-2252 ext. 2100

State Coordinator
Roberto Reyes
651-582-8302

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche

Services for Students with Disabilities

Elementary and Secondary 504 Services

Notice of parent/student rights in identification, evaluation, and placement of individuals with disabilities.

In compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, hereinafter Section 504, the following Notice of Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement shall be utilized in the New London-Spicer Schools.

The following list of rights is given to ensure the parent/guardian's awareness of the regulations about the evaluations of and/or special instruction which may be offered to his/her child. Should the parent/guardian have any questions, contact Matt Dahl, Ann Dobmeier, Brian Westby (contact information below). The parent also has the right to meet with the superintendent or designee and/or the local school board to resolve any objections to either the evaluation or educational placement of the student.

1. Section 504 is administered by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). If you need information about Section 504, the contact information is as follows:

Office for Civil Rights, Chicago Office (Region V)
U.S. Department of Education
500 W. Madison Street Suite 1475
Chicago, Illinois 60661
(312) 730-1560
FAX: (312) 730-1576
TDD: (312) 730-1609
Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

2. The following is a description of the rights created by federal law to individuals with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:
 - A. Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
 - B. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
 - C. Receive, notice with respect to the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
 - D. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
 - E. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
 - F. Have your child receive special education and related services if s/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and/or general education intervention/modifications outside of special education under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 - G. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information and sources, and by persons who know the student, evaluation data, and placement options.
 - H. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the school district.
 - I. Have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the school district.
 - J. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
 - K. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
 - L. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
 - M. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.

- N. Request an impartial hearing, and an appeal of any decisions or actions taken by the school district regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. The costs for these due process procedures will be borne by the school district. You and your child may take part in these proceedings and have an attorney represent you. Requests for due process must be made to the superintendent or the Section 504 coordinator. The following details the procedures:
1. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or with the provisions of a free appropriate public education for his/her child, the parent/guardian may make a request for a hearing to the superintendent, indicating the specific reason(s) for the request.
 2. The school district may initiate a hearing regarding the identification, evaluation, or education placement of the student or the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. The school district shall notify the parent/guardian of the specific reason(s) for the request.
 3. Such hearings shall be conducted within twenty (20) instructional days after the request is received, unless the hearing officer grants an extension, and at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parent/guardian. Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the superintendent shall appoint the independent hearing officer. The school district shall bear all costs pertaining to the hearing, including the transcription, hearing officer fee and expenses, but shall not be responsible for the fees and expenses incurred by the parent/guardian except for those detailed below. The parent/guardian involved in a hearing shall be given the right to have the child who is the subject of the hearing present, open the hearing to the public, and be represented by counsel or any other representative.
- O. Request a review (appeal) of the hearing, should you not prevail. The following details the procedure:
1. A petition to review (appeal) the decision of the hearing officer may be made by any party to the hearing. The request must be filed with the superintendent and the opposing party, be specific as to the objections, and be filed within twenty (20) instructional days of the date the hearing officer's decision is received. The school district is responsible for the appointment of an independent appeals officer to conduct an impartial review of the record as a while and may, at his/her election, conduct the review with or without oral argument. Such review shall be conducted within twenty (20) instructional days of the receipt of the petition to review, unless either party requests an extension of time.
 2. The appeals officer shall ensure that a transcript of the review is prepared and made available to any party upon request.
 3. Any party disagreeing with the decision of the appeals officer may appeal to a civil court with jurisdiction.
 4. A parent/guardian represented by legal counsel during the proceedings of a due process hearing, appeal, or civil action may be entitled to reimbursement of legal fees if the parent ultimately prevails.

The people in this school district who are responsible for assuring that the school district is in compliance with Section 504 are:

Matthew Dahl, Middle School Dean of Students
New London-Spicer Middle School
101 4th Ave SW
New London, MN 56273
(320) 354-2252 ext. 2403

Ann Dobmeier, School Social Worker
Prairie Woods Elementary
101 4th Ave SW
New London, MN 56273
(320) 354-2252 ext. 2389

Brian Westby, Dean of Students
High School
101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273
(320) 354-2252 ext. 2680

This procedure does not deny the right of the grievant to file a formal complaint in Federal court or with the U.S. Department of Education. This document provides general information and is not to be a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law, including timelines for filing a complaint, may affect your rights.





New London-Spicer District Office
101 4th Avenue SW
New London, MN 56273

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SAVE THE DATES

August 21

- Back to School Event for Grades 9-12



August 26

- First day of school for Grades 9-12
- Back to School Conferences for Grades PreK - 8

August 27

- Back to School Conferences for Grades PreK - 8

August 28

- First day of school for Grades PreK - 8

POSTAL PATRON

ACTIVITY FEES

	<u>High School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
Sport (each)	\$165	\$110
Cheerleading	\$120	N/A
Speech	\$115	\$100
Drama	\$75	\$75
Knowledge Bowl	\$75	\$75
Math League	\$65	N/A
Band/Choir	No Charge	No Charge
Math Masters	N/A	Varies

Maximum Fee: \$495/Individual • \$900/Family