

# *The Cougar Times*

***\*\*Home of the Fabulous Cougars\*\****



## **Mission Statement**

**Nuturing and  
Preparing  
Minds for  
Success**

### **Did You Know . . .**

**New Prairie Middle's School-wide Expectations are:**

**Self-disciplined  
Wise choices  
Always accountable  
Goal-oriented**

**Our Spell Bowl Team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their division at the state meet.**

**Choir Concert will be December 7 @ 6:00 at NPHS and Band will be December 13 @ 5:30 at NPHS.**

**End of the 2nd grading period will be December 20<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Winter Recess begins Wednesday, December 21. Second semester begins January 5, 2017.**

### ***From the Desk of the Principal***

I'm sure that all of you have noticed the dark mornings as we head to work each day. The tell-tale signs of winter are upon us. However, December is a short month for our children and one of excitement as they anxiously await the holidays and the chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

November was a great month for NPMS. Our Veterans Day program was a wonderful event once again. We had many guests, and our choir and students made us proud. Our boys basketball teams are having good seasons. We have had great crowds and lots of wonderful support from friends and family. Our Spell Bowl Team placed Second in our division. Congratulations to them!

This month our choir and band both have concerts at the high school. They have been working very hard, so if you are available on the 7<sup>th</sup> for choir and/or the 13<sup>th</sup> for band, we would love to see you. Winter Recess begins December 21<sup>st</sup> for students and we look forward to seeing their smiling faces on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Finally with the winter weather upon us, I would remind all of our students to dress appropriately for the cold. I have seen many students entering the building with t-shirts and no sweatshirt or coat. We need our students in school, so please make sure they leave the house dressed appropriately. Shorts are allowed, but not recommended on these cold days.

***Happy Holidays from the NPMS Staff***