

NovaPTO Upper School Parent Advisory “Strengthening the Nova Community”

Agenda – November 8 -2015, 5:00 pm to 6pm in Music room 131

NovaPTO Mission - Nova Classical Academy PTO is an organization of volunteers engaging families, teachers, and staff in fostering a school community that actively supports Nova’s mission and enriches the students and the school. Any and all current Nova parents and staff are considered members. There are no dues.

USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner.

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1. Welcome and Roll Call (Jane)

- a. USPA Mission - Interaction between Parents and Administration in an informal setting to discuss particular events and issues, thoughts and perspectives in a positive and proactive manner
- b. Represent not only our family but other families. Provide time for all parents in the group to respond.
- c. Need someone to take minutes.
- d. Agenda Additions

2. Upcoming events

Nov 7 - Great Gatherings

Please join us for an important parent education night on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Great Room. Topics will include Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO), MCA’s and ACT Aspire, and Supporting Struggling Learners. This will be in round robin format where parents will have the opportunity to attend sessions on up to three different topics. The agenda for that evening is attached to this e-mail and includes descriptions of each session that will be offered.

All topics will be offered at all three session times, so parents can attend the ones most important to their family. Here is event information for the evening:

What: Parent Education Night: PSEO/MCA’s and ACT Aspire/Supporting Struggling Learners

When: Monday, November 9th 2015:30-8:00pm

Infinite Campus topic.

Notes: It would be great if there was more consistency in terms of posting assignments, notes, study guides, etc. Some teachers post a LOT of info, others post very little, and some do both (the US art teacher, for example, has posted study guides sometimes, and sometimes not, which makes it hard to know if the info will be available).

*It would be ideal if each teacher could post his/her syllabus, perhaps in some sort of standard format, with especially the following information:

- What is the best way to contact the teacher?
- What is the textbook (or books)? Some parents like to order a copy, e.g.
- Is there a site for Quizlet, an online resource, or other supplemental material for the class? (and the login info as well)
- What should a student do if he/she needs additional help in the class?
- When is tutoring or outside help available?
- Are there additional guidelines for make-up work to supplement Nova's official rules? (I know Ms. Williams, for example, gives students something like 4 days for makeup work, since the class doesn't meet every day, and Phys Ed has a form to fill out--that form should be available as well)
- How is homework graded? Some teachers grade for the correct answer only, others for effort, others want to know from students if the student experiences difficulty, etc. (this came out when Ms. Johnson spoke at the parent ed night)

My suggestion would be to look at what information we would like to have as parents, esp. if we have a sick child at home who didn't bring home the materials for the class, and all we had was access to Infinite Campus. Given that scenario, what info would we need to know?

3. Past Events - Only if there's time.

Oct 6 - Comedy Sports SoL

Oct 12 - Evening school conferences - gym

Oct 19 - School-Life Balance survey results/solutions Parent Ed night

Oct 21 - Gr 10-11 College Fair

Oct 24 - School of Logic Masquerade Dance

Oct 30 - SoR and SoL School Conferences