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School-Wide Updates

School Offices Open Soon

Due to some delays in construction, the school offices have been physically closed. We will have our front lobby open by Monday, **12 August 2019**. If you need to communicate with school administration, send an email to our operations manager, Paula Popp, at nmis.operations@gmail.com.

Construction Update: School Will Open ON-TIME!

We are happy to announce that the NMIS campus will be operational for the opening of classes as planned on **Thursday, 22 August 2019**. Our move has been a tremendous undertaking - perhaps the largest

since we opened our doors. It's taken a great deal of effort from all of the staff, but in particular the front office. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in getting the doors open for our kids! Classes start at 8:20 sharp!

While campus will be open as planned, there will continue some work throughout the building for the first few weeks of school as we do a few building upgrades for our students.

Meet The Teacher Event

Come to campus on **Wednesday, 21 August 2019** anytime between **1:00pm and 3:30 pm**. We will have class lists posted in the gym and



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teachers will be in their classrooms. You can bring your child to the classroom and, you guessed it, meet your teacher!

At this event you can also pick up school uniforms if you ordered them via New Mexico International School Foundation. These uniforms will be distributed in the front lobby of the school.

New Parents: Come to “All Aboard Breakfast”

We will have our annual “All Aboard Breakfast” on the first day of school **22 August 2019 starting at 8:45 am**. This breakfast is for parents new to NMIS that want to get information about how to get involved in our amazing school. We will gather in the gym of the new campus.

New Volunteer Clearance Procedure

In January the NM Legislature passed new legislation regarding background check requirements for volunteers in public schools. NMIS has had to revise its policy as a result.

What this means for our community is that **everyone who wants to volunteer at NMIS needs to apply for a new NMIS Volunteer Clearance.**

The first step in this process is to get your fingerprints scanned. I’ve attached the directions on how to get this done. In summary, you need to go to a specific website book an appointment at one of several local locations to get your prints digitally scanned. You can also pay the fee at this point and avoid having to go get a money order.

The school will then receive the results of that background check and then be in touch with the potential volunteer for the next steps. There are several of you that have completed their background check over the summer and are awaiting to hear from us. As we get settled back into the school office, our operations manager will be in touch shortly.

Student Supply Lists

Over half of our community purchased supplies via NMISF. For those that did not, the lists are available to download at www.nmis.org/ee/news/correcaminos. Supplies are due to teachers by 23 August 2019.

Student Uniforms Are Required on First Day of School

As a reminder, NMIS requires school uniforms for all students. These



uniforms are polo shirts available for purchase either from the New Mexico International School Foundation or by the school's uniform vendor, Graphic Connections.

To place orders via Graphic Connections, visit:

www.customoutfitters.com/nmis

The only exception to students out of uniform are for families that have registered to attend NMIS after 15 July 2019. **If your child was registered for NMIS before this date, he/she must be in uniform on day one.**

Remember there are different polo shirts for elementary vs middle school students. Be sure to order the correct one.

Regarding uniform bottoms:

K-5: All students in khaki or navy shorts, skorts or pants. These must be uniform pants, not just any pants. Must be in good repair. No brand logos can be seen.

6th grade: In addition to the bottoms above, middle school can opt to wear skirts (must reach top of knee) or jeans. Jeans must be dark indigo blue, not faded and in good repair.

Be sure to read *Family Handbook* for details on uniform expectations.

Catered Hot Lunch Services

Rhubarb and Elliot continue to deliver hot lunches to students at NMIS this year.

To order, login to their website (link below) and place your order by 9:00 am. **You cannot order hot lunch for your child after 9:00 am on the same day.**

<https://rhubarbandelliott.h1.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>

NMIS Text Messages

Don't forget to sign up for text message updates from NMIS. These are last minute reminders that are sent out for various events.

To sign up, text "**@nmis**" to **(253)299-2128**.

School Hours Reminder

Please remember that, due to our delayed start of school year, most of our school days are longer. This will effectively recoup our lost instructional hours from the delayed start.

Student Hours:

M,T,Th, F: 8:20 - 3:20

W: 8:20 - 1:00



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Office Hours
M-F 8:00 - 3:30

How To Enter Campus

As part of our development plan, we had to design (and have City of ABQ approve) a traffic flow plan. ***It is exceedingly important for our community to follow this plan.***

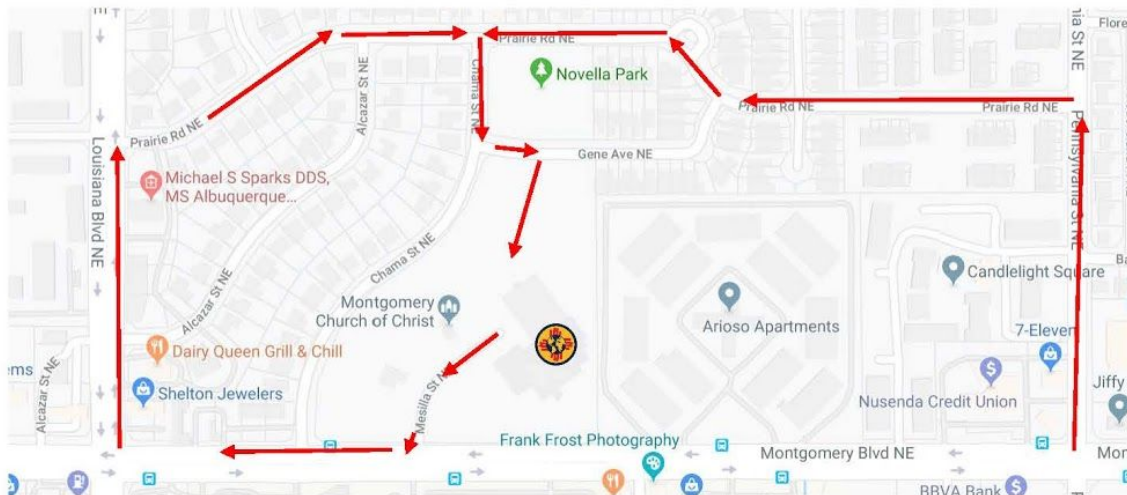
When accessing campus, please enter via Gene Avenue. The traffic flow then proceeds through campus and exits via Montgomery. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER CAMPUS DIRECTLY OFF OF MONTGOMERY.**

How do you get to the Gene Avenue entrance? See the map below.

If you are coming up Montgomery, heading east, TURN LEFT AT THE SIGNAL ON LOUISIANA. You will then turn right on Prairie and then right on Chama and left onto Gene.

If you are coming down Montgomery, heading west, TURN RIGHT AT THE SIGNAL ON PENNSYLVANIA. You will then turn left on Prairie then left on Chama and left onto Gene.

You must enter NMIS via Gene and exit via Montgomery. When exiting you will be required to turn right, heading west on Montgomery.



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Stay Informed!

Visit our website at www.nmis.org

- Under the “For Parents and Students” section you can:
 - Review our *Family Handbook*
 - Download important forms
 - Learn about volunteer committees
 - Search the *entire contents* of the NMIS library, learn how to put books on hold, or even recommend new books!
- Under the “Governance” section you can stay informed about:
 - The Governing Council
 - The School Advisory Committee
 - The Audit and Finance Committee
- Under “Calendar” you can see important events and dates
- Under “NMIS News” you can find current and archived editions of *El Correcaminos*, plus all released relevant attachments.



Follow us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/NewMexicoInternationalSchool and on **YouTube** at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzh5DeStesSOxZs2rCRhnA>

Subscribe to our text message alert system by texting “@nmis” to (253)299-2128 for last minute updates/reminders.

Add our calendar to your mobile device’s calendar app. To do so, click on this link (or copy/paste into a browser on your device):

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/o45nr4cv9lcl6ihod60eukcga0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Also....

Don’t forget to keep up to date with the **NM International School Foundation** (a non-profit 501c3 organization that supports NMIS) by visiting their website at www.nmisf.org or by following them at www.facebook.com/nmisf



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NEW MEXICO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



New Mexico International School (NMIS) is an International Baccalaureate **World School** offering the **Primary Years Programme (PYP)**. We share a common philosophy with other World Schools across the globe – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that New Mexico

International School believes is important for our students. Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: The Primary Years' Programme (PYP), the Middle Years' Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme (in addition to the IB Career-related certificate). In addition, NMIS is a

Language Immersion school. We immerse our students into a Spanish language environment beginning in kindergarten and add Arabic as a third language beginning in 4th grade with the goal of making our students multilingual in Spanish and English and Arabic by grade 8.



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Our Mission: New Mexico International School (NMIS) provides K-6 students an educational program focused on:

- inquiry-based teaching and learning,
- the acquisition of languages,
- and the development of social, emotional, and rigorous academic skills necessary to function in our local, national, and international community.

Students at NMIS learn respect for themselves; their community; and the larger diverse world in which they live while developing a moral consciousness that help them build integrity into their lives.

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Thank you to our school sponsors. Want to sponsor the school? Contact our Finance Director, Corinne Teller, at nmis.teller@gmail.com for pricing and options.

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