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## What's Happening Family Edition

September 23, 2021

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, September 28th:** Coffee with the Principal 7:30 - 8:30 am

**Wednesday, September 29th:** Coffee with the Principal 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Saturday, October 2nd:** Football Parking 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Wednesday, October 13th:** Quarter 1 Exhibition Day 8:45 am - 12:00 pm **NO AFTERNOON CLASSES**

**Thursday, October 14th & Friday, October 15th:** Service Days

**Monday, October 18th:** District Professional Development **NO SCHOOL** for students

**Tuesday, October 19th:** Hearing Rechecks

**Wednesday, October 20th:** College Planning Night for Juniors

### A Note from Sennen

Hello, New Vista families,

I am pleased to be writing you my first "What's Happening" message! I've been on the job for four days now and have been so impressed with our students and staff. It is clear that New Vista's commitment to the safety, inclusion and well being of each student is alive and thriving.

As I continue getting immersed in the way things work here, I want to thank all of you for welcoming me. I'm hosting two **virtual** "Coffee with the Principal" Google Meets next week so that we can make introductions and get to know each other a bit. Other than me introducing myself, these will be agenda-free, so please bring any ideas or questions you may be wondering about. See the "Coffee with the Principal" section below for the dates, times and links.

The absolute highlight of my week has been participating in a Senior Panel Presentation. It is clear that students' passion, intelligence, creativity and drive is cultivated and nurtured here at New Vista. I was so impressed and can't wait for Exhibition Day in the spring.

Please know that I am thrilled to be here in the New Vista community and am committed to the success of your child. We are partners, and I am here to help. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Be well,  
Sennen Knauer, Interim Principal  
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Hola, familias de New Vista,

¡Me complace escribir mi primer mensaje "¿Qué está pasando?" He estado en el trabajo durante cuatro días y estoy muy impresionado con nuestros estudiantes y personal. Está claro que el compromiso de New Vista con la seguridad, la inclusión y el bienestar de cada estudiante es una prioridad y además se ve en práctica.

Mientras sigo entendiendo y aprendiendo sobre la forma en que funcionan las cosas aquí, quiero agradecerles a todos por darme la bienvenida. La semana que viene haré dos reuniones **virtuales** de Google "Café con la directora" para que podamos hacer presentaciones y conocernos un poco. Estas reuniones serán en inglés pero pronto enviaremos otras fechas para las reuniones en español si prefiere asistir a esas. Consulte la sección "próximos eventos" más arriba para conocer las fechas, horarios y enlaces.

El punto culminante absoluto de mi semana ha sido participar en una presentación de panel de los estudiantes del último año. Está claro que la pasión, la inteligencia, la creatividad y el impulso de los estudiantes se cultivan y fomentan aquí en New Vista. Estaba muy impresionada y no puedo esperar al Día de la Exposición en la primavera.

Quiero que sepa que estoy emocionado de estar aquí en la comunidad de New Vista y estoy comprometida con el éxito de su estudiante. Somos un equipo y estoy aquí para ayudar. Por favor, no dude en contactarme en cualquier momento.

Sinceramente

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## Progress Grades

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS: 1st Quarter Progress Grade Reports are now complete and available for viewing. Please look for yours in your portal under "Documents" and be sure and view all the comments that your teachers have written!

ATENCIÓN ESTUDIANTES Y PADRES: Los informes de calificaciones de progreso del primer trimestre ahora están completos y disponibles para su visualización. ¡Busque el suyo en su portal en "Documentos" y asegúrese de ver todos los comentarios que sus profesores han escrito!

## PSAT

Is your student interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT on October 26th at New Vista?

This PSAT is the best practice for the SAT, which all Juniors will take in the Spring. The test is primarily given to 11th graders, though 10th graders are welcome to take it for practice. It is very similar to the PSAT 10 that Sophomores will take this Spring.

The difference between the PSAT 10 and the PSAT/NMSQT is that the PSAT/NMSQT is used to qualify 11th grade students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Go to: <http://www.nationalmerit.org> for more information on this program.

WHEN: Tuesday October 26th, 2021 from 7:45 am-noonish

REGISTRATION COST: \$45 (Fee waivers are available for eligible families) There are a few spaces still available. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!

HOW TO REGISTER: Bring cash or a check made out to New Vista H.S to Ann Thomaier in the front office BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL, AT BREAK, OR AT LUNCH or pay online [here](#).

## Colorado Virtual College Fair

College Fairs of Greater Denver, Northern Colorado College Fair, and Southern Colorado College Fair Present:

### **Colorado Virtual College Fair** **Registration is Open!**

**September 28, 29, 30**

**5:00-7:45 PM**

Registration is now open for the Colorado Virtual College Fair! Sign-up to virtually connect with colleges and universities from around the country *for free*.

During the Colorado Virtual College Fair, you will have the chance to hear from many different colleges. You can choose which colleges you want to hear from by registering for their sessions. You and your family can ask questions of the college representatives throughout the presentations too! The program will also include college knowledge sessions on topics such as finding a college that fits, paying for college, and writing a college essay presented by college admission counselors.

**[Check out the schedule, list of colleges, and register now!](#)**

We are looking forward to sharing this virtual experience with each of you!

## In State College Fair

Broomfield High will be hosting the In-State Fair this year on October 14, 2021, 6:00-7:00 pm in the Eagle Gym. The colleges are requesting that students register in advance to reduce the sharing of pens and materials. Use the QR code on the [In-State College Fair flyer](#) to register. Or go to <https://coloradocouncil.swoogo.com/registration> for more information and to register.

## College Planning Night for Juniors and Parents- October 20th at 6pm virtually

Junior year is the perfect time to begin creating a plan for after high school. If your plan may include college, this event is for you! Join our counselor, Diane Jensen, for an informative and interactive evening to help students prepare for the college search, as well as college admissions and application processes.

Topics will include:

- Understanding New Vista and college
- What you should be doing to prepare for college now
- Learning the nuts and bolts of college admissions
- Using Naviance
- Lots of resources
- And more!

Mark your calendar for this virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. This is our **main way** to deliver this important information to students and families, so we HIGHLY encourage you and your student to attend. Please [RSVP HERE](#) so we can plan accordingly.

## Medicating Normal

Join Natural Highs for a virtual community screening of "Medicating Normal", a 76-minute documentary film exploring our current mental health care system's reliance on psychiatric drugs to deal with trauma, grief, and distress. There will be an interactive community discussion immediately after the film.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6-8.30pm MST, ONLINE

Panelists include: Avani G. Dilger, LPC, CACIII, ADS, founder and Executive Director of Natural Highs -- Healthy Alternatives to Drugs & Alcohol, substance abuse counselor and trauma therapist; Dr. Libby Stuyt, MD, Addiction Psychiatrist, Medical Director for the Circle Program at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at

Pueblo, CO; and Natural Highs Peer Mentors. The panel will be hosted by Angela Peacock, MSW, former Army Sergeant, subject of the film Medicating Normal.

To learn more about Natural Highs, visit: <https://www.naturalhighs.org>

Get tickets here: <https://dandelion.earth/events/611b2f9e77236500119aa3b6>

## Coffee with the Principal



Sennen will be hosting two Coffee with the Principal meetings next week. These will be great opportunities to get to know her and for her to learn more about the New Vista community. Please join either:

Tuesday, September 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 am Link [here](#).

Wednesday, September 29th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm Link [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you.