



GIBBINS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

January 12-13; 19-20

Map Testing Middle School and 9th/10th grades

January 17

MLK Holiday (no school)

January 25

Gibbins Founders Day Celebration

January 27

NIA District Founders Day Celebration (Fielder Church)

January 27

Progress Reports

January 28

International Day

Dear Gibbins Families

“Education is the most powerful tool we can use to change the world (Mandela).” Here at NIA, we value our strong academic program. In addition to content knowledge, we value the opportunity to develop “warriors in wisdom, favor and stature” so our students “prepare themselves for the 21st century marketplace, civilization and wonder in the field of academics, fine arts and sports (Dr. George).” Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child’s life and educational journey! Happy New Year! Let’s go Warriors!!! – **Your Gibbins Team**

FOUNDERS DAY

Newman International Academy (NIA) is looking forward to celebrating our Founders Day on January 25th at our Gibbins campus during POWWOW (10:50 HS; 1:40 MS). The NIA District Founders Day program will be at Fielder Church from 1:00-3:00pm. We hope you can join us at one (or both) of our celebrations to express our deep appreciation to Dr. George and her family for establishing NIA with a vision to develop warriors of wisdom, stature, and favor.

INTENT TO RETURN 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Returning to Newman for the 2022-2023 academic school year, have a sibling that will be joining a Newman campus, or need to transfer to one of our other campuses? Please take the time now to access your Skyward family portal to complete the appropriate form(s). To secure your spot for the 2022-2023 school year, we need you to have these forms filled out no later than January 31st, 2022 before 2:30pm.

YEARBOOKS

Students can now purchase the NIAA Gibbins 2021/2022 yearbooks online through the link below.

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectStudent?isAdvertisementOnly=False>

HIGHLIGHT:

Robotics are a part of the Newman stem program, taught during Co-Curriculars. At the Gibbins campus, Mrs. Shadhrach (math) and Mr. Feagins (engineering) are sponsors for the HS program and Ms. Stotler and Ms. Rasberry are the sponsors for MS program. This year our Robotics students are preparing for the “First Tech” challenge this month, a national championship that provides scholarships to the winners. NIA received a grant to help prepare students for the challenge. Go Warriors!



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FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

We are excited to share with you that Newman was recently approved to participate in the Seamless Summer Option meal program, which will extend through June 2022. This program allows us to feed both breakfast and lunch to all Newman students free of charge, regardless of socioeconomic status. We are very pleased to be able to offer this service to all our students. We hope your child will take advantage of this unique opportunity.

For all families that are new to Newman, we will continue to collect socioeconomic data at schoolcafe.com as part of our compliance with other state and federal programs. Please ensure that requests for information from our Food Services Department are processed in a timely manner. You can contact Latasha Green, Food Service Clerk, with any questions @ 682-207-5175 ext.3020 or email lgreen@newmanacademy.org.

EXCUSED and UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

In addition to the NIA unexcused/excuse absence policy, Texas Education Code 25.092 sets minimum attendance standards for a student to receive credit. NIA requires that students attend at least 90% of class. That means a student cannot miss more than 5 days/semester or 9 days/year. Letters and phone calls will go out when we notice concerns about attendance. Please communicate with us if your student is going to be absent, especially during this time of new COVID cases, so we can work together to ensure your child's success.

UNIFORMS and GROOMING

Parents, please help us remind your students that it is important to come to school wearing their full uniform. They also need to follow our grooming policy, especially boys regarding shaving and hair length, and hair color for both boys and girls. (See pgs. 28-30 in the Student Handbook). Thank you for your cooperation.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

We are in the midst of boys and girls basketball games. See the attached information about Tuesday night's "Red Out" game. Tryouts for varsity girls' soccer will be January 20-21 afterschool. Watch for more athletic events and updates in School Messenger. Come support our Warrior athletes!

SENIORS CORNER

CAPS AND GOWNS

If you missed the in-person opportunity to order cap, gowns and other graduation needs, please refer to the website [here](#) or go directly to Josten's location on Randol Mill Road.

SENIOR PACKAGE

Please watch the newsletter and School Messenger for more information about package pricing for various senior year activities including Senior Celebration, Senior Skip Day, and a senior t-shirt!

FRIDAY, January 14th is an A DAY

