The annual New Mission Portfolio week is just over one week away, starting on Monday February 10\textsuperscript{th} and ending on February 14\textsuperscript{th}. Twice a year, students meet with their advisor and family members to comprehensively review what they have learned over the past semester. Students reflect on their performance with the use of artifacts and completed schoolwork from the previous semester. During the portfolio presentation, students are given the opportunity to explain their learning in each of their classes and demonstrate their abilities as both a learner and a presenter.

Your student’s advisor will be in contact with you to set up your portfolio review time. Please remember that during portfolio week, New Mission has a modified school schedule. From Monday February 10\textsuperscript{th} through Thursday February 13\textsuperscript{th}, students will have class from 7:45 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. Students are dismissed from school at 11:20 each of these days. The cafeteria will be open and serving lunch each day, so students may remain for lunch before heading home.

Portfolio presentations will begin Monday through Thursday after 11:20 a.m. On Friday February 14\textsuperscript{th}, there are no classes for students as this entire day is reserved for portfolio presentations. If you have any questions about portfolio or the schedule during portfolio week, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your child’s advisor.

For students who ride a BPS bus home from school, buses will continue to depart at 2:30. Please contact Mr. Grace before the start of portfolio week to confirm dismissal plans for students who ride a BPS bus.

There is an incredible energy in the school as students and teachers prepare for portfolio presentations. We look forward to sharing with you all that students have learned during the first half of the school year, and we look forward to working with you to set goals for the second half of the year. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

\textbf{NEW MISSION FAMILY PARENT COUNCIL VALENTINE’S BINGO NIGHT:}
\textbf{Friday February 14, 2020 7:00PM - 9:30PM}
\textbf{STUDENT CAFETERIA ON GROUND FLOOR ROOM 022}
\textbf{See flyer later in the newsletter for more details!!}
8th Grade Science Fair
Thursday February 6th
This year, New Mission is hosting our first ever 8th grade science fair with all 8th grade students participating. We are incredibly excited to announce that this science fair is being hosted by Merck Pharmaceutical at their state-of-the-art facility in Boston. Scientists from Merck will serve as judges for our Science Fair. After time for guests and judges to view each project, Merck will host us for. Finally, winners of the New Mission Science Fair will be announced. These are the science fair projects that will move on to the citywide science fair, and hopefully from there onto the state science fair.

The Science Fair will be hosted at Merck’s Boston headquarters at 33 Avenue Louis Pasteur in the Longwood Medical Area. We need to provide them with a guest list by Tuesday February 4th. All family member are invited, welcome, and encouraged to attend. If you are able to join us for this wonderful event and have not already responded to Ms. Keighley, please call or email Norma to RSVP. Norma can be reached at (617) 635-6437 or ncolon@bostonpublicschools.org

The Agenda for the Science Fair is as follows:
- Student presentations are from 10:15-11:30
- Lunch will be from 11:30-12:15
- Brief student presentations 12:15-12:30
- Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony 12:30-1:00

I want to thank Ms. Keighley for working to establish this incredible new partnership and both Diane Simmons and Robbie McCloud at Merck for making this incredible partnership possible for our students and our school.

Summer Opportunities Fair
Friday January 31st 1-2:30 p.m.
The annual New Mission Summer Opportunities Fair is scheduled for this Friday January 31st from 1:00-2:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

The fair is being held about one month earlier than previous years. The reason for this is because many summer programs have early deadlines and although the city of Boston has not opened up their SuccessLink application, the earlier we to promote summer jobs and academic enrichment programs, the more success students have being accepted into the summer programs of their choice.

If you would like to come learn about these opportunities for yourself, please feel free to join us this Friday. Please check in at the guidance office with Ms. Lynette before heading to the cafeteria.

Friday's Schedule for Summer Opportunities Fair:
1:10PM -1:45 PM: 11th and 12th grade advisories
1:45 PM-2:15 PM: 9th, 10th and 8th grade advisories

**Opportunities for 8th grade students are more limited than those available for high school students**
Athletics Updates

Winter track
New Mission indoor track team had a spectacular week winning 7 out of 10 indoor events to take second place in the North City Division.

- Senior Naim Laird took home second place in the 55 meter dash with 7.81 time.
- Junior Tyrese Ford once again took home first place in the shot put with 43 foot placement. Tyrese, also finished third in the 100 meter dash with a 11.31

Girls basketball
After rough 0-2 week the girls look to play back in form with a two league games against Brighton and Charlestown. Lady Titans are currently ranked #18 in the Eastern Mass Top 20

Boys Basketball
With tough conference wins over Boston English and Brighton, the boys have improved to 10-3

BPS Coding Competition
We had three New Mission students participate in the BPS coding competition. Congratulations to Carter Phillips who won first place. I also want to congratulate Mario Fils and Evan Oicle who tied for 3rd place.

Robotics
As with athletics, we are hoping to partner with ACC to get a robotics club started. ACC will host the robotics club on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. All we need to get started is at least three students to sign up. If you are interested in the robotics club at ACC, please speak to Cory before the end of the week.
**Student Club Updates**

**LENS Literary Magazine**
A HUGE congratulations to our Creative Writing students who just published the first ever New Mission Literary Magazine. LENS, which stands for *Life Experiences Now Speak*, was edited by Chelsea Simpson and Sharon Castang. Myles McNamara served as faculty advisor to the magazine. This is a huge accomplishment for all our student writers, and we look forward to the second edition which will be published before the end of the school year. In addition to this publication, many of our student writers have also written children's literature, and today they are visiting the Philbrick School to read to kindergarten students.

**New Mission Debate**
Congratulations to 10th grader Josie Colon for going 4-0 at the Lexington Winter Debate Invitational. Our Debate coaches are in the preliminary stages of nominating candidates to participate in the Women’s Debate institute which will be held in Whitehouse, Texas this summer.

Our next debate tournament is on February 8th at Boston Latin Academy. We will also compete at the 46th Annual Harvard National Forensic Tournament February 15th through the 17th.

**Girls Group**
We did it! After several weeks of brainstorming we have decided on a name. Are you ready for it? Wait for it...And the winner is F.U.S.E. which stands for Females Unite for Social Empowerment. We are also thinking of a quote "light the F.U.S.E." I am really excited about the name and how we came up with it together. The vote was unanimous for F.U.S.E. This is only the beginning. Now that we have established a name we can really begin building together a strong group of women that have a clear path.

**Criminal Justice**
Final countdown. The regional moot court competition is right around the corner. We have chosen 6 students to compete in the competition on Saturday, Feb. 8th at Suffolk Law School. The competitors are ready. They will have practiced their full argument at least 3 times and have been getting a barrage of questions from the judges. They are ready for our biggest competitors--Cambridge Rindge and Latin!

**GSA**
We have been making great headway with our focus this year on gender neutral bathrooms. Our headmaster has been extremely helpful in working with the GSA. Together, we have been able to uncover that there is a bathroom that has been identified to be gender neutral, located it, and looked at the status and cleanliness. Now, we are in the process of figuring out signage, how to communicate with the New Mission and BCLA community about the bathroom and appropriate usage. We are taking it very slow because we want to be very thoughtful about the role out to ensure that it is embraced. We are confident that with effective and appropriate communication, we will have the gender neutral bathroom fully operational by the end of this school year.
Join us for

The New Mission High School Dance!

PARTY

Date - February 7, 2020
Time - 7-10 pm
Where - New Mission High School Gym

Any questions or concerns go to Room 217 to see Mr. Knight

Entry fee (for nm students) - 3 $
Entry fee (for nm students + date) - 2$
Details - live music & food
Please bring cash!!
NEW MISSION FAMILY PARENT COUNCIL Presents

Valentine's Bingo Night

FRIDAY, FEB 14TH
7PM-9:30PM

NEW MISSION HIGH SCHOOL
GROUND FLOOR CAFETERIA
(REAR PARKING LOT ENTRANCE)

$5 Donation includes 2 Bingo Cards
$1 for each add’l card

SNACKS!!!!  FUN!!!!  PRIZES!!!!!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NEW MISSION HIGH SCHOOL