

NVMS Notes Home-----December 2, 2019

Events:

December 5 th , Thursday	White Hatter Presentation, see below
December 6 th , Friday	Sportsplex, Tri. 1 Honor Level Activity
December 9 th , Monday	Band Concert, 7 PM, NVMS
December 11 th , Wednesday	Late Arrival, school starts at 10 AM
December 13 th , Friday	Winter Concert, 7:45 AM NVMS
December 19 th , Thursday	Fundraiser reward trip, Mill Creek
December 20 th , Friday	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
December 23-January 3	No School, Christmas Break

Character Dare continues:

Students (and parents!) are encouraged to "Disconnect from Tech" for one day. Commit to stay off electronics for an entire day! Go outside and enjoy the day. Leave your devices at home and meet up with friends for a face-to-face visit rather than using your phone, internet or other device. How many days can you commit to?

End Of Trimester Pioneer Level 1 Trip

Students who have been on Pioneer Level One and in attendance 90% or more from August 28th through November 22nd will be rewarded for their outstanding behavior and attendance with a field trip to the **Sportsplex** in Bellingham this Friday, December 6th! Students will leave about 9 am and return about 12:45 pm. Permission slips will be handed out (today) Monday, December 2nd and need to be signed by a parent or guardian and *returned to homeroom classes by Wednesday, December 4th.*

Concerts:

Monday, December 9th at 7pm, Band students will present a concert in the NVMS gym. Students should arrive by 6:30pm. Friday, December 13th at 7:45am 7th & 8th Grade Music (not Band) students will present a concert in the NVMS Gym. 7th Grade Music students should wear their polos. The community is invited to both events.

White Hatter

Thursday, December 5th, from 6-8:00 pm at the Nooksack Valley High School Performing Arts Center you will hear a wide variety of important and timely information. The White Hatter is a presentation about internet safety and digital literacy for parents and caregivers. Their mission is to provide students, teachers, parents, adults, businesses, and law enforcement with the knowledge and tools necessary in today's world. Some topics covered are: current online slang and their connotations; who is checking you and your child's digital dossier; things you can

do to protect your child's online reputation; how to spot cyberbullying; how to encourage desirable online ethics and values, and SO much more.

Please plan to attend this presentation, encourage others to as well. There is no cost to attend.

Fundraiser Reward Trip:

Those students who qualified to take a friend on the Fundraiser Reward Trip to Mill Creek on December 19 please take note: *the friend must also have participated in the Fundraiser.* Permission slips for this trip will be handed out after Thanksgiving Break.

Sports Practices:

This week boys 7 & 8 grade teams will practice at NVHS, boys "C" teams will practice at Everson Elementary. Girls will practice at NVMS.

Winter Ride:

The Winter Ride Program is an 8 week ski and snowboard program for middle and high school students. The Winter Ride Program provides discounted lift tickets, lesson and rental fees! Please contact Mason Weathers at the high school with any questions.

Sport Schedules:

Sport schedules will be available at NWCAthletics.com soon. Cut and paste the link below to go to the middle school page: <http://www.nwcahletics.com/index.php?pid=0.1001.10008.0.300>

Did you know?

Please remind your student to come to the office if they are not feeling well, having a hard day, or any other reason that they feel they might need to go home. We cannot help them if we do not know!

New look on our website:

Our website has been updated and revised. From the main, District, page click on "Schools" at the top of the page, in the black banner. Choose Middle School.

- Sport forms are found after clicking on "Athletics", then forms.
- Access to Skyward, for parents and students, is on the District page under QuickLinks.
- Meal program applications are found on the District page_Departments/Programs_Food Service.
- Staff emails are found under "Contacts", about mid-way down the main page.

We are still in the process of adding information and updates, we will keep you posted on where to find things online!

NVMS Notes Home are emailed weekly during the school year.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to join the NVMS PTSA Facebook page. Our PTSA does a great job of keeping information and updates posted there.

Cell phone use at school

At Nooksack Valley Middle School, we highly encourage students to leave their cell phones at home during the school day. There are many reasons for this, from phones being lost or stolen, to students misusing them during the school day. Phones at school also impact students in their learning as they will secretly check the cell phones during their time in class while they are supposed to be working on their class work.

Our rule regarding electronics at school is students can have them before and after school and can check them during their free time at lunch, but they may not have them out any other time throughout the school day. If a student wants their phone to call parents for a pickup after sports or school, we do provide PE lockers to all our students and they can lock their phone during school.

Your son/daughter may tell you they need their phone at school for academics or to contact you during or after the school day. While this may be a convenience for them, we do provide all of our students access to the phones in the office to call and contact parents throughout the school day, and we do not require them to have a phone for academic classes.