

## NVMS Notes Home

October 19, 2020

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-3:00pm

Please call ahead before coming to the office, to pick up or drop off items.

**School is active live stream 8:00-12:00 daily, 12:30-2:15 is work at home or small group time.**

### **Band/Music/Choir update:**

In our music class our students have noticed the face on the other side of the Zoom meetings looks a little bit different than it had previously. Mrs. Cully has some non-covid related health issues stemming from the summer. She has not recovered at the pace she had hoped, and her doctor has recommended she take 8 weeks off to fully recover. Penny Rosen will be our interim teacher for band and music until mid-December. We are hoping for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Cully and want to offer a warm welcome to Mrs. Rosen. Please call the Middle School if you have any questions.

### **What do those numbers and letters mean in my child's attendance??**

#### *Deciphering Attendance Codes*

Even with our online learning, we are still required to take daily attendance. This year, there are some new attendance codes that will be used for different situations. Here is a breakdown of what those codes mean.

Excused and Unexcused are now coded using a **1 (excused)** or a **2 (unexcused)**. Prior to October 5<sup>th</sup>,

a 3 code was used, this was a general remote learning absence (not excused or unexcused, we had a grace period with attendance as everyone was learning to navigate online classes).

We have a new code that is used when a student is having internet trouble or difficulties connecting to classes, the code is 1-02. When a teacher or the office is notified a student is having tech issues, we code them with 1-02 so that their teachers know they are having troubles connecting and they will not get marked as an unexcused absence.

The code 2-05 is designated for when a student does not show up to class and we never heard from a parent/guardian as to why they were absent. A 2-05 is also used if a student logs on to a class but does not turn on their camera, answer their teacher or participate during class.

Other codes frequently used:

ILL/I- Illness, injury

OT/V- Out of town, vacation

DR/DO/AA- Doctor, dentist, appointment

FB/P- Family business, personal  
OK- Parent ok  
PA- Pre-arranged  
L- Tardy  
SI/MB- Slept in, missed bus

If you have any questions about attendance, please call the Middle School office or e-mail the attendance secretary at [maria.sanford@nv.k12.wa.us](mailto:maria.sanford@nv.k12.wa.us).

### **NV Meal Service Updates:**

Meal bag pickup DAYS ARE CHANGING to fit in with our elementary hybrid K-5 schedule starting October 12th.

Meal bag pick up will now include a WEEKS' WORTH of child breakfasts and lunches at one time. You can now pick up all your child's meals for the week in one trip! Please only pick up one meal bag per child per week for a total of seven days' worth of child meals.

MONDAY---EVERSON ELEMENTARY 11:00AM -1:00PM

MONDAY---SUMAS ELEMENTARY 11:00AM -1:00PM

WEDNESDAY---NV MIDDLE SCHOOL 11:00AM -1:00PM & 4:30PM- 6:00 PM

K-5 Hybrid students on campus will be offered free breakfast and lunch during the school day. If your child is eating these two meals at school, we ask you only pick up a five-day meal bag during our grab and go meal pass out. Both 7-day and 5-day meal bags will be available at all meal pass out sites.

For questions, contact the Food Services Office at 360-988-4754 or email [Melissa.Paulus@nv.k12.wa.us](mailto:Melissa.Paulus@nv.k12.wa.us)

Thank you for eating with us!

### **From Mr. VanderYacht:**

As we are planning for our transition to the Hybrid Learning model on November 3rd there are a few things we want to remind families of:

First and foremost, our goal will be to have zero cases of Covid 19 at Nooksack Valley Middle School. In order for this to happen we will need our entire community to be vigilant about checking the health of your child before sending them to school. We will be offering online

schooling throughout the first half of the school year, so if your child is showing symptoms, they are required to stay at home and access learning online.

Please follow the guidelines below when assessing if you child should attend school in person.

- Keep your children home if they are sick.
- Parents, families, and caregivers... you know your children well. Please take their temperatures each morning and pay close attention to how they are feeling.
- If anything feels “off,” or they are experiencing symptoms such as: sore throat, cough, runny nose/congestion that is not normal, feel extra tired, shortness of breath, chills, vomiting, nausea, upset stomach, or body aches, please keep them home.
- Call the school and let us know. Our nurse will call you.
- We are relying on your help with this.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school safe, healthy and open for learning!

**Is your student actually in class? How to check:**

Please check Skyward for your student’s attendance. Students will be marked absent if they do not log into class/meeting or if they do not stay logged into class/meeting. Students will be marked absent if they do not respond to the teacher (when directly asked a question and camera is off). Also, please make sure your student is using their full name (not nickname or only first name) to be let into meetings. If the teacher does not recognize them, they will not be let in.

**Have you closed out the 2019-20 school year?**

If you have library books, classroom books, music polos, mathbooks, etc. from LAST YEAR, please drop them off at the middle school office. These supplies are needed and it will remove the fine from your student’s account.

**Annual Student Updates:**

The window to complete the Annual Student Update closed at the end of this month. If you have not already done so, PLEASE complete the Annual Student Update for your student. This is where information is updated so that we have the correct address, phone and mailing address. Also update emergency contacts as well as complete the Annual forms that we are required to ask you to fill out (Military, Opt out, ConnectEd). Here is the link:

<http://family.nooksackvalley.wa-k12.net>

**Attendance Matters!**

If your student is going to be absent for reasons such as appointments, illness, out of town/on vacation, or you are having internet/connectivity issues, please call the office or e-mail the attendance secretary at [Maria.sanford@nv.k12.wa.us](mailto:Maria.sanford@nv.k12.wa.us) so that they can be marked excused. As always, attendance is recorded for each class period.

The fall is different than the spring and we are grading each subject, therefore attendance is very important as our teachers are providing instruction the students will need to be successful.

### **Meal Applications**

The USDA has extended the free meal service for children through December 2020. **PLEASE** still complete and return your meal application for this school year to ensure you will be ready to continue receiving free or reduced meals after this free waiver period ends.

### **Meal applications are now available:**

- Available to print from the NV Food Service page (located under Free & Reduced)
- In the entrance way at NV District Office (There is also a DROP box for completed applications)
- Apply online at [MyMealTime.com](https://www.mymealtime.com) ( you will need your student ID number to complete this online form)
- Application are also available and can be turned in during Meal pick up times