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(Note - this is the best info we have at the time of publication, but dates do change on occasion)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 *Back-to-School (Taking Care of Business) Day for Families	31	September 1 *9th Grade Link Day (required) *9th Grade and Link Leaders ONLY on campus	2 *First day of school for all students 9-12 *Regular 1-7 Day *Senior Sunrise!	3 *All-School Picture Day! *Regular 1-7 Day	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	7 *Regular 1-7 Day	8 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Club and Activity Fair during Jag Time	9 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Device Distribution during Jag Time	10 *Regular 1-7 Day	11
12	13 *Regular 1-7 Day	14 *Regular 1-7 Day	15 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Clubs and Activities during Jag Time	16 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Tutorial during Jag Time	17 *Regular 1-7 Day	18
19	20 *Regular 1-7 Day	21 *Regular 1-7 Day	22 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Clubs and Activities during Jag Time	23 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Tutorial during Jag Time *Curriculum Night (virtual)	24 *Regular 1-7 Day	25

It's going to be a phenomenal year!

NEWS and INFORMATION

1. **New Start Time!**

Jags! Your kids get to sleep in a bit in the new year! Our new start time is **8:15 AM** daily. New bus schedules will be sent to your homes (may have already been sent). For the full schedule, please visit: <https://northcreek.nsd.org/our-school/schedule>

Please make the needed adjustments to your morning routines so that our kids can arrive on-time and ready to learn by 8:15 AM!

BTW - we all know that 35th Avenue is under construction. Being late to school “due to construction” is not an excuse as we all need to plan on delays in getting to campus due to the construction. Please, please help your teen driver understand that they need to leave the home early due to the road construction so they can be to school early or at least on time!



2. **Student Arrival in 2021-22**

As I said above, school starts at 8:15 this year. Our doors will open for students at 7:45 AM daily. We will have breakfast available daily and breakfast will be FREE to all students this entire school year. Please do not have your student arrive prior to 7:45 as the doors will be locked and arriving any earlier defeats the entire purpose of having a later start!

3. **Back to School Day for Families**

On Monday, August 30, North Creek will be open, in person, to all families who need to purchase items or pay fines. Our hours are from 9 AM to 2 PM. At this event, you can purchase an ASB card, yearbook, planner, PE clothes, sports and pay any fines or return books. You can also do all this on-line without coming to campus by logging in to TouchBase, <https://wa-northshore.intouchrecepting.com>. Email Moki Mosher (mmosher@nsd.org) or Kristy Waligorski (kwaligorski@nsd.org) for a TouchBase login if you don't know yours.

Parking passes for Juniors, Seniors and Running Start/Wanic students will be available for pick up as well. Registration and payment is required before pick-up. (Questions about parking? Contact our Campus Supervisor Nani Lium - nlium@nsd.org, 425-408-8842)

Class fees will be assessed to student accounts on Tuesday, September 7. See page 15 of the [course catalog](#) for a complete list of fees.

4. **School Supplies 2021**

At high school, there are no formal “school supply” lists but helpful things for each student to have including: a binder or set of folders, writing utensils like pens and pencils, highlighters, erasers, paper, extra masks, hand sanitizer, etc.



Some classes might have specific requirements and your student will learn about those from their teachers during the first few days of school.

5. Computers for Every Student (Your Approval REQUIRED)

While 750 families have filled out the form for their student to get a computer (YEAH!) that means nearly 1,000 families have not filled it out yet! Please fill the form out ASAP!

This year, all students will be issued a computer to use at school and at home! Students will receive a Chromebook with a carrying case to keep it from getting damaged.

Before any device is handed to a student, the [Student Device Use Agreement](#) needs to be completed by a parent or guardian.

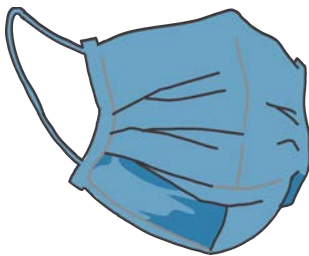


Parents can sign the use agreement online by visiting <https://bit.ly/nsddeviceform> and looking up their student by student ID.

In reviewing the agreements signed so far, we have found a few situations where students have completed the form. Only parents or guardians should be completing the form.

Please take care of this ASAP so your student can receive a device on Distribution Day, September 9. Please note: while students can bring their own devices, the District encourages you to use the Chromebook so we know there will be no issues connecting to the internet, printers, Schoology etc. Moreover, personal devices will receive no tech help at all as we can't service personal devices as we'd be liable.

6. Masks at School!



As you have seen in the news, the Governor has put in place an indoor mask mandate for the entire state. This applies to North Creek for all students and all adults. We will be enforcing the mask mandate as long as it is in place. **Please note: gators are not allowed as a face covering, nor are facemasks with vents.**

Students will need to wear their masks at all times while indoors except when actively eating or drinking. Wearing a mask means that it covers the mouth, the nose, and the chin. Please be sure your student is wearing a mask daily and has an extra mask or two in their backpack just in case it breaks, etc.

Please remember that North Creek is still a pretty new school with the best air filtration system available. With our filtration systems, walls that open in classrooms, windows that open to the outside air, North Creek is one of the very safest schools anywhere and we'll do everything we can to keep all kids and staff safe!

7. For SENIORS (only) – Off Campus Lunch Form

Most of you might not know this, but North Creek Seniors who are in “good standing” have the privilege of going Off Campus for lunch. If you want to give your Senior this privilege (and if they meet the qualifications listed), please complete the form attached or linked [HERE](#) (you will need to download and print it) and return it to the cashier ASAP (especially before Picture Day so that correct Off Campus Passes are printed).

8. Lunch at School in 2021

Lunch will happen daily at NCHS and will be FREE to all students! Students can eat in our Commons (where doors will be open to the outside), outside at various picnic tables, or in allowed areas of the academic buildings. Students are expected to clean up after themselves so that others don't have to touch garbage left behind.

As mentioned above, students need to wear masks at all times indoors except while actively eating and drinking. This means that while students are eating at a table, they can have their mask off. But when they stand up to throw away their garbage or to go to the bathroom, etc. they need to put their mask back on. Basically, think of it as you would at a restaurant - masks can be off while eating but need to be back on after eating and anytime they are not at their table.

Given how big our campus is and how many places they can go, we are confident all students will find a space where they feel comfortable and safe eating.

9. First Weeks @ North Creek

School starts on Wednesday September 1st. Please see below for details about the first few days of the 2021-22 school year:

- **Wednesday September 1** - required day of school for all 9th grade students (and **9th grade only**)
 - This is their Orientation Day to high school and 9th grade students will participate in Link Crew activities in the morning and go to all their classes in the afternoon (the day goes from 8:15 AM to 3:15 PM)
- **Thursday September 2** - required day of school for ALL students (**this will be the 1st day of school for 10th, 11th and 12th graders**)
 - 10th grade students will get a tour of the school (as many have not been on campus) as well as have an ice cream social at the end of the day
 - All students will attend all 7 periods as well as Jag Time and all students will participate in an evacuation drill so that students know what to do in case of an earthquake or fire
- **Friday September 3** - required day of school for ALL students
 - All students will attend all 7 periods
 - All students will get a school photo and ID card (including Seniors as we need a photo of them for their ID cards even though they might have their own Senior pictures)
- **Monday September 6** - LABOR DAY
 - No School
- **Tuesday September 7** - regular school day 8:15 to 3:15
 - All 7 periods
- **Wednesday September 8** - first block day 8:15 to 1:45
 - Periods 2, 4, 6 and Jag Time
 - Early release at 1:45 PM
- **Thursday September 9** - block day 8:15 to 3:15
 - Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 and Jag Time
- **Friday September 10** - regular school day 8:15 to 3:15
 - All 7 periods



10. School Photos

School photos are on Friday September 3 for all students, including seniors. Be sure your student wears school appropriate clothes and remembers that Friday is Picture Day. We want all students to feel like they are ready for that school photo!

RUNNING START STUDENTS: We need to get photos of all of you as well. Please come to the Aux Gym any time between 8:15 AM and 3:15 PM Friday September 3 to get your photo taken. Again, all Running Start students are required to get a photo taken so that they have an ID card for school events, can be seen in our Student Information System, etc.

11. Reporting Absences

If your student is absent, tardy or needs to leave early, please email the attendance office at mrousoffmesaros@nsd.org or call 425-408-8810. When reporting an absence or late arrival please spell your students first and last name and the reason for the absence. All absences must be excused within 3 school days to avoid administrative involvement.

12. Jag Time 2021-22

Jag Time occurs on Block Days (Wednesdays and Thursdays) and is required of all students on campus as Jag Time generates credit which goes on their transcript. Jag Time is 30 minutes long and our plan for this year is:

- Wednesdays: Clubs & Activities, Advisory, School Business
- Thursdays: Tutorial (tutorial is a time when students can and are encouraged to get help from their teachers - or if they don't need help, they can get some homework done so they have less to do when they leave school)

13. Senior Sunrise 2021

Our 4th Annual Senior Sunrise will be on Thursday, September 2 at [Willis Tucker Park](#) @ 6:15 AM (sunrise is at 6:29 AM on that day). Senior Sunrise is a tradition where the entire Senior Class gathers to watch the sun literally rise on their senior year the first day of school - and then they gather again to watch the sun literally set on their senior year on the last day of school. **All Seniors should plan on attending.**

Parents of seniors: please consider sending your senior with a breakfast item that can be shared (donuts, OJ, milk, etc.) In the past, we had soooooo many donuts it was crazy - and wonderful! Also parents, we welcome as many of you as want to attend to help with the food and to support our kids as they begin their last year of high school.

We will gather at [Willis Tucker Park](#) at Picnic Shelter #4 (center of the map on the east/right side). There are MANY parking spots (look for Student / General Use Parking) near Picnic Shelter #4 (a red little house on the map).



14. Curriculum Night / Open House - Mark Your Calendars

Our annual Curriculum Night / Open House is Thursday, September 23, 2021. We have just been notified that, like last year, Curriculum Night will be all virtual. Stay tuned for more information!

15. The North Creek Mission and Goals

The mission of North Creek High School is to inspire and develop students and staff to become stewards of innovation, collaborative problem solvers, creative thinkers, caring and compassionate citizens, environmental champions, servant leaders and social justice activists in service toward making a positive impact on our local and global community.

This is an aspirational statement as we know we are preparing our students for a world that does not yet exist (when I was a kid, having the ability to access nearly all of human knowledge by using my smartphone was science fiction!). These aspirations guide our work and urge us forward so that each and every student at North Creek is ready for that almost-unimaginable future.

Our goals at North Creek are quite simple (and yet quite ambitious):

- ★ Each and every student at North Creek High School will show at least one year's growth, if not more, in all academic areas (100% Growth)
- ★ Each and every student at North Creek High School will graduate on-time (100% Graduation)



These goals focus our efforts and give us guideposts as we go through the year. A quick story: at our Graduation Rehearsal for the Class of 2019, the Seniors were together in the Main Gym on bleachers for a class photo. As the photographer was setting up, one of the soon-to-be graduates asked me, "Dr. McDowell - did we make our 100% goal?" I was blown away! I can assure you that there are few high schools in the US where students know the school goal - and even fewer where they personalize and own it ("did we make our goal").

So, did we make our 100% goal? The answer is "no" - life sure does get in the way of some kids. We had one student from the class drop out junior year and a couple others moved away and never let us know where they re-enrolled (so they count as dropouts). Despite that, our on-time graduation rate was close to **98%** (a remarkable number) and I was able to tell the Seniors in those bleachers - each and every senior who walked the halls and took classes at NCHS all year during 2018-19 graduated - 100%.

Our mission and our goals - they aren't just words. They are our work, they are our passion, and they are our purpose for existing. I invite you to partner with us in our mission and help us with our goals so that 100% of the Class of 2022 and beyond walk that stage and get that diploma. We can't do it alone.

16. New Counselor Alpha Breakdown

As you may know, we had one counselor retire this past year and another move to Europe. As a result, we have some new counselors and a new alpha breakdown. Here is the breakdown for 2021-22:

Kayla Francisco - students with last names from A - Che
Tiffany Frane - students with last names from Chh - Gr
Jeff Dennis - students with last names from Gs - La
Nancy Smith-Vela - students with last names Lb - O
Heatherjoy Boi - students with last names P - Sl
Dawn LaMance - students with last names Sm - Z

All this and more is available on our counseling website:

<https://northcreek.nsd.org/counseling>

17. Annual Required Forms Available on ParentVUE

Dear Northshore Families,

Annually the District provides parents/guardians with notification of forms that must be acknowledged, including:

- WA State Attendance Letter
- Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
- Weapons Letter
- Student Housing Questionnaire
- Permission to Withhold Student Directory Information

We ask that you [login to ParentVUE](#) today to view these forms. If you have never logged into ParentVUE, you will find instructions on how to do so when you click the link above. Please know that when you next login to ParentVUE, you will be prompted to download, read, and take action for each of the forms listed above. Additionally, secondary students will be prompted to download, read and acknowledge the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook when they login to StudentVUE. Families with elementary students are encouraged to review the handbook together in ParentVUE with their students. These forms must be completed no later than Oct. 15.

The forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Russian, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. If you would like to access a paper copy of these forms, please contact your school's main office.

If you have any questions about these forms, please contact Student Services at (425) 408-7725 or by email at studentsvcs@nsd.org.



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RECURRING ITEMS (info in the links changes regularly)

1. This Week's PTSA Newsletter

Coming soon!

2. This Week's Jaguar Booster Club Newsletter

Coming soon!
