

NVMS NOTES HOME

October 18, 2021

Monday, October 18 th	A Day
Tuesday, October 19 th	A Day
Tuesday, October 19 th	Healthy Youth Survey
Wednesday, October 20 th	B Day
Wednesday, October 20 th	Healthy Youth Survey
Thursday, October 21 st	B Day
Friday, October 22 nd	B Day
Monday, October 25 th	A Day
Tuesday, October 26 th	A Day
Tuesday, October 26 th	SBAC Testing
Wednesday, October 27 th	B Day
Wednesday, October 27 th	Late Arrival, School starts at 10 AM
Thursday, October 28 th	B Day
Thursday, October 28 th	SBAC Testing
Friday, October 29 th	B Day
Friday, October 29 th	End of 1 st Quarter

Please have your student pack a water bottle. Our water fountains are NOT on, but the water bottle refill stations are.

Reminder: NO pop or energy drinks are allowed at school.

Middle School Social has been cancelled until further notice.

State Testing next week:

Last year Washington State applied for a waiver for the Smarter Balanced Assessments due to Covid, but that waiver was not granted. Therefore, we will be required to assess our current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on the previous year's standards. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, the 26th, 27th and 28th of October, we will be assessing our students on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in Language Arts, math, and science. The assessments will be much shorter than previous years, but we still want our students prepared to do their best. Please ensure your children are well rested, and present on the days of the assessment. The tests are expected to take about 60 minutes max and will be given to our students in their morning classes.

End of the 1st quarter:

October 29th will be the end of our first quarter at Nooksack Valley Middle School. This aligns with student led conferences. We will use the first week of November to connect with our students and families regarding your child's progress to date. The end of the quarter is really a check point and grades will continue through until the end of the semester in January. This is a good time for parents, students, and teachers to work together to set goals for your child's progress through the end of the semester and throughout the remainder of the school year. In the days ahead you will be receiving information from your child's homeroom teacher regarding conference times. Please let the teachers know if the time you are assigned will or will not work with your schedule.

Veterans in the Valley:

This Veteran's Day the NVHS & NVMS leadership Classes want to honor our veterans throughout the valley. Our goal is to collect a series of 30 second to one-minute videos and compile them together. Videos should include name, the branch of service, and what serving meant to you. The goal is to show this at our Veteran's Day Assembly. Start thinking of who (doesn't have to be a family member) you want to honor. Directions on how to submit will be given out next week.

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey 2021

Our school is participating in the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey this October. The survey will be given to students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

The Healthy Youth Survey includes questions related to physical activity and diet, unintentional and intentional injury, substance use, sexual behaviors, abuse, risk and protective factors, and access to school-based services. Some questions are grade specific so please read the [Parent and Student Information Letter](#) for more information. Survey results are used by schools, communities, and state agencies to plan programs to support our youth and reduce their risks. Participation in the survey is voluntary and the students' answers are anonymous.

We will be administering the survey online this year. No privacy issues were identified in the E-survey pilot conducted in 2019. This year, schools and districts are being instructed to disable any recording, keystroke tracking, and video capture software on school-issued devices used to take the survey. Students will be instructed to do the same on personal devices used to take the survey before they begin. If you use any software to monitor the device your student will use to take the survey, please turn it off before they begin to ensure their honest participation. *We plan on having students use their school chrome books to take the survey.

Please read the [Parent and Student Information Letter](#) for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey. All the links and letters are posted on our website.

The survey will be given on October 19 and October 20.

WE NEED SUBSTITUTES!

If you are interested in Teaching, Para Educator, Food service, Custodial substitute opportunities please contact the District Office at 360-988-4754 or you can contact HR at Yesenia.Cisneros@nv.k12.wa.us with any questions you may have.

Great flexibility comes with subbing and a great opportunity for those looking to be involved with the Nooksack Valley community.

We currently only have a few teacher substitutes on our list for the middle and high school. If you have your four-year degree, you are eligible to be an emergency sub and we can put you to use.

Notes for bus driver:

If your student needs to ride a different bus home or get off at a different location, please send a note with your student to give to the driver. Students without notes will not be allowed to get off at a different location.

Yearbooks on sale now!!!

Yearbooks are on sale now, \$25. They can be purchased at the school office or online at: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09888110>

COVID-19 information:

Here is a link to the Whatcom County Health Dept for information on what to do if you have been exposed, vaccinated or not, etc.

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3369/Individuals-Families-Households>

Testdirectly.com, a testing site in Whatcom County, providing quick access to Covid Testing.

<https://www.testdirectly.com/patient/home>

Attendance:

Remember to call the school office if your student is going to be absent for illness, appointment, vacation, etc. The attendance line is on 24 hours, so feel free to leave a message after hours if needed.

Annual Student Update

Each year we ask parents and guardians to make sure their student's information is updated. This is done through Skyward as our Annual Student Update. Emails were sent last week with instructions and log in information to complete this. The window for this update closes later in October. Without correct mailing addresses, phone numbers and contact information you will not receive report cards or other informational mailings and we may not be able to contact you in case of illness or emergency. Please update!!

Where is the bus?

Some bus routes were changed (especially those around Everson Elementary). To find the current routes, go to our District webpage/Departments & Programs/Transportation/Bus Routes. Also there is information on the app "Zonar MyView". This app tracks your student's bus in real time. Check it out!

Meal Program:

Meal Program applications are available at the school office.