

NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Student,

We are excited to welcome you to our newly structured middle school. We are truly all in this together! Basketball coach Phil Jackson once said, "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." Together we will grow, learn, and succeed as Northwestern Highlanders.

Northwestern Middle School places an emphasis on maintaining high standards in the quality of education. The school has several tools in place to help you and the students stay informed about their progress.

1. We require that each student use the school provided agenda to record their homework assignments. This agenda is expected to be brought to all classes and home every evening. Please ask to see your child's agenda in order to stay informed on daily homework assignments. Students may access assignments using google classroom.
2. Academic support sessions are available after school on most Mondays and Thursdays. These sessions allow for more individualized attention and should be viewed as an opportunity to improve understanding in the content areas. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions and to come prepared with appropriate materials and specific questions for their teacher. Students should make an appointment with a teacher, as all students **must** be with a teacher during this time.
3. Grades will be posted on Powerschool. Please check this resource in moderation. While it is school policy to update assignments every two weeks, longer assignments may require longer grading time. *Tip: Click on blue links to find out more about assignments and/or grade.*

Northwestern Middle School students are encouraged to become involved in our school community beyond the classroom by participating in sports teams and clubs. For the sports enthusiast, we offer soccer, volleyball, field hockey and cross country in the fall. Basketball and cheer in the winter and baseball, softball and track and field in the spring. Our clubs include Student Council, Drama, Yearbook, Photojournalism, etc. More information about clubs will follow once the school year begins.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure a positive and productive 2021-22 school year. All for one and one for all! Please feel free to contact us during the school year with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

The 8th grade team

Our Team

Subject	7th Grade Team	8th Grade Team
School Counseling	Mrs. Jess Seanson	Mrs. Amanda Cormier
Academic Support	Mrs. Katie Mello Ms. Amy Bardino Mr. Robert Fullerton Mrs. Darci Stenson	Mr. James Hayes Mrs. Sue Sokolow Mrs. Sheryl Nemergut Mrs. Carole Swanson
English	Mrs. Elyse Kycia Mrs. Lesley Sullivan Mrs. Katie Mello Ms. Amy Bardino	Mrs. Elyse Kycia Mrs. Jennifer Hurley-Coughlin Mrs. Sue Sokolow Mr. James Hayes
Reading	Mrs. Andrea Ashe Mrs. Krista Brazie Mrs. Peg Nelligan Mrs. Rhonda Duggan	Mrs. Krista Brazie Mrs. Pam Hurley Mrs. Peg Nelligan Mrs. Rhonda Duggan
Math	Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox Mrs. Jennifer Yanosky Mrs. Katie Mello Ms. Amy Bardino	Mr. Marshall (Chip) Morris Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox Mr. James Hayes Mrs. Sue Sokolow
Science	Mrs. Alison Beauchene Mrs. Katherine Scoville	Mrs. Angela Sabolcik Mrs. Katherine Scoville
Social Studies	Mr. Michael Stapleton Mr. Daniel Wilbur	Mr. Michael DiMartino Mr. Michael Stapleton

Supply List

	Grade 7	Grade 8
Universal	Writing utensils including pens/many pencils Earbuds that work with a chromebook computer Colored pencils	Writing utensils including pens/many pencils Earbuds that work with a chromebook computer Colored pencils
English	2 composition notebooks 1 pocket folder 1 large glue stick 1 highlighter	2 composition notebooks 1 pocket folder 1 large glue stick 1 highlighter
Reading	3 composition notebooks Sticky notes	3 composition notebooks Sticky notes
Social Studies	One 3 ring binder (1") One pocket folder Loose leaf paper	One 3 ring binder (2") One pocket folder Loose leaf paper

Mathematics	One 3 ring binder (2-21/2") to be shared with math TI-84 Calculator (7th grade recommended, see below) Spiral bound one subject graph paper notebook	One 3 ring binder (2-21/2") to be shared with math TI-84 Calculator (8th grade required, see below) Spiral bound one subject graph paper notebook
Science	One 3 ring binder (2-21/2") to be shared with math Calculator (see math requirements) Punch in binder to store calculator	One 3 ring binder (2-21/2") to be shared with math Calculator (see math requirements) Punch in binder to store calculator
Health	One pocket folder \$5 for PE lock	One pocket folder \$5 for PE lock

Math: The Calculator

Investment in technology is important in allowing students to engage in coursework.

Northwestern recognizes that this investment often puts family resources to the test. Therefore we want to give parents/guardians as much guidance as possible when making the decisions of what device(s) are necessary.

Course	Required Calculator	Notes
Grade 7 Math	<i>Minimum Specifications:</i> Any Texas Instruments TI-30 Scientific Calculator	Parents may instead choose to make the investment in the next level of calculator--the TI 84 (see below) now as it is required in grade 8 and above.
Grade 7 Honors Grade 8 Math Grade 8 Honors High School Math	<i>Minimum Specifications:</i> TI 84 Plus Graphing Calculator	The curriculum requires use of this calculator. Please contact your math teacher or school counselor if you need financial assistance. All calculators can be engraved at the school in the fall with your child's name. Please save the bar code symbol for the TI84 and give to the math teacher. These proofs of purchase will be submitted to Texas Instruments as credits toward the purchase of additional math equipment.

