

## NVMS NOTES HOME

*May 16, 2022*

Monday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	A Day Coffee with Principal and PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	A Day
Wednesday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	B Day
Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	B Day
Friday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	B Day Scholastic Book Fair begins and is open through weekend
Monday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	A Day Scholastic Book Fair continues
Tuesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	A Day Scholastic Book Fair—Last Day!!
Wednesday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	B Day
Thursday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	B Day
Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	B Day

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents:**

Please help your student find a baby/toddler picture to use in a Guess Who's Who? display in the trophy case by the front office. Pictures should be given to ELA teachers by May 20<sup>th</sup> and will be returned to the students before the end of the year.

### **Book Fair:**

ALL SCHOOLS BOOKFAIR COMING! Everson, Nooksack, and Sumas Elementary Schools are teaming up with the Middle School to host an all-district bookfair May 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the Everson Community Center (111 W. Main Street). The open hours are:

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm – 5:00pm Teacher Preview

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 8:00pm Open

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2:30pm – 8:00pm Open

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:30pm – 8:00pm Open

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:30pm – 8:00pm Open

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm – 8:00pm Open

Would you like to make a donation to a classroom library? Ask about a teacher wish list of books for their classroom. All funds earned at the bookfair will go toward new books at the school libraries.

If you would like to volunteer at the bookfair, check your school's Facebook page or call/text Jennifer Lautenbach at 360-201-0882. Thank you!

### **Coffee with the Principal (and Superintendent) and PTSA Meeting tonight:**

This evening we will be hosting a Coffee with the Principal at 6:30 in the Middle School Commons followed by a PTSA meeting. Mr. VanderYacht will be sharing a little bit about the Belonging work we have done at the Middle School and Mr. Galley will be there to share the District Theory of Action and our NVSD Commitment Statement.

In the NVMS commons: Tonight, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Coffee with Principal and 7:00 PM PTSA Meeting

### **8th Sexual Health Unit Preview Night**

On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm, in the NVMS library all parents/guardians will have an opportunity to preview the materials for the 8th grade FLASH curriculum used in the 8th grade Sexual Health Unit. There will be a short overview, and time to ask questions and look at the materials that will be used. This will help enable you and your child to have some meaningful family discussions both before and after the classroom presentations.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact Rich Skillman with questions related to the 8th grade Sexual Health Unit.

rich.skillman@nv.k12.wa.us

### **Health Update**

#### **Health Updates**

There has been an uptick of positive COVID cases in Whatcom County in general and we are seeing more positive cases in our schools since returning from Spring Break.

Please help keep our community healthy and classrooms open by keeping students home who are symptomatic or ill. Call the school and speak to one of our health staff to review symptoms or to report an exposure to COVID and to schedule testing if needed.

If an exposure to a positive case occurs in school, a health team member will notify students/families of the possible exposure and offer testing. Monitoring for symptoms and testing two times within a week of a known exposure is highly recommended to reduce the risk of spread of COVID but not required. Rapid COVID testing at every school site is readily available.

Should an outbreak occur in a classroom or within a specific group (sports or clubs), the health department may require short term use of masks, testing and/or moving to remote learning.

For those who are eligible for COVID vaccine, you can find Whatcom County pop up clinic information at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3530/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information#popup>

#### **Volunteers:**

The Nooksack Schools are in a place where we can have volunteers return to the building. We would love to have mentors for our *Be The One* mentor program. As a result of Covid, the mental health issues of adolescents from the age of 12 to 18 has increased significantly as admission for mental health visits to the Emergency Room, suicidal ideation, and attempted suicides have increased significantly as measured by our hospitals. We would love for our students to interact with positive, encouraging, and uplifting adults. If you cannot commit to the 1 hour per week of mentoring, we would love for you to volunteer in the mornings before school starts, or to visit and connect with our students during lunch.

Please call the office to see about opportunities to volunteer and visit NVMS.

### Testing has begun:

Testing has begun. Please make sure your student is well rested, has their own water bottle and starts the day with a good breakfast! If possible, please do not schedule appointments on their test days. Test dates are posted on our school website calendar.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We miss your student when they are absent and we value their contributions to our school. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school.

If your student is going to be absent, parents and guardians are responsible for accounting for all absences and notifying the school as soon as possible. This can be accomplished by:

- Calling the attendance office the day(s) of the absence(s)
- Sending a written note to the attendance office. Notes must include the student's first and last name, the current date, the dates of the day(s) absent, the reason of the absence and it must be signed by the parent or guardian.
- Emailing the middle school office at [Maria.Sanford@nv.k12.wa.us](mailto:Maria.Sanford@nv.k12.wa.us)
- Absences must be excused within **THREE DAYS** upon the students return, or the absence(s) will be considered unexcused.

### SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:45

THAT MEANS YOU MUST BE IN YOUR SEAT AND READY TO LEARN AT 7:45

If you are late to school, you will owe time in the office at lunch.

**1-5 minutes late**= 5 minutes of lunch time

**6 or more minutes late**= That amount of time at lunch

### Tutorial—important changes:

Tutorial will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:15-3:30. Those students that get picked up or walk home will leave at 3:30. Students that require transportation home will stay at tutorial until 4:00, when the tutorial bus will leave the middle school. Students *must* check with their teacher and get permission to stay for tutorial.

### Notification of Race/Ethnicity Update Needed

Parents/Guardians: recently, the federal government and OSPI changed the reporting categories for student ethnicity and race data. As a result, we need to ask you to identify your child as either Hispanic/Latino or not Hispanic/Latino (Ethnicity), and by one or more racial groups (State/Federal Race). **We ask that you log into your Family Access account and select the “New Online Form – Race/Ethnicity Resurvey” to complete with the two questions about your student’s Ethnicity and Race.** Please complete and submit this form for each of your enrolled students. If you decline to provide this information, we want you to know that the US Dept. of

Education requires school district staff to use observer-identification as a last resort for collecting the data. Thank you for your help with this. IF you have already completed this new form this year, Thank you!!!

*Yearbooks are now on sale, \$25.00*

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!