

NVMS NOTES HOME

June 6, 2022

Monday, June 6 th	A Day
Tuesday, June 7 th	A Day Choir Concert
Wednesday, June 8 th	B Day
Thursday, June 9 th	B Day Band Concert
Friday, June 10 th	B Day Semester 2 Pioneer Level 1 Activity NVMS Social, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
Monday, June 13 th	A Day
Tuesday, June 14 th	A Day
Wednesday, June 15 th	B Day
Thursday, June 16 th	B Day Breakout Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 17 th	B Day Field Day!! Early Release, school out at 11:45 a.m.

Choir Concert:

Tuesday, June 7th at 1:30 p.m., parents and family members are invited to the NVMS Choir concert in the school gym.

Band Concert:

Thursday, June 9th at 1:30 p.m., parents and family members are invited to the NVMS Band concert in the school gym.

Pioneer Level 1 Activity:

Friday, June 10th, those students who have been on Pioneer Level 1 for the entire 2nd Semester may attend a trip the Wade King Recreation Center at WWU!! Students who are eligible will receive a permission slip on Monday, June 6th. *Permission slips must be returned by Wednesday, June 8th.*

Middle School Social:

Students who are on Pioneer Level 1 on June 10th may attend the NVMS Social from 2:15-4:00 p.m. No cost to attend. No transportation home provided; students must have their own ride home at 4:00 p.m.

Breakout Ceremony Information:

June 16th is our evening Breakout Celebration for those 8th grade students, and their family, who have successfully completed their breakout work.

The evening schedule is as follows:

6:30 - Students project displayed for family viewing

7:00 - Breakout Ceremony in Gym

7:30 - Family receptions time for pictures, snacks and connections

7:45 - 8th only dance in the playshed

9:00 - Students picked up

It's hip to be SQUARE!

Nooksack Valley School District is joining with ParentSquare for all our communications next year. Nooksack Valley Middle School will send out an introductory email and/or text to you in June. This first message asks you to confirm your phone number and email. Please answer to ensure we have the correct information for this fall. From Parent Square, you will receive attendance emails, Notes Home, schedules and so much more. We are excited for this new, easy to use platform.

Chromebooks MUST be returned:

Please make sure your student turns in their chromebook to their teacher at the end of the school year. Chromebooks are not to be taken home over the summer.

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.

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 for the absence and it must be signed by the parent or guardian.
- Emailing the middle school office at 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 for school, you will owe time in the office at lunchtime.

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!

