

**August 19th, 2021**

There are many continuing public debates about the return to school. Our focus will be to put all that aside and do the very best we can to help students grow. The adults at Northwood are professionals who love kids and love what they do. Our purpose will be to support our kids and our community. We will make the best of school regardless of the circumstances.

### **Transportation**

The Mead School District is requesting registration for ALL students who will need school bus transportation during the 2021-22 academic year. School bus registration via the form below is separate from student enrollment.

The Transportation Department will review and validate all completed forms to ensure that school district requirements are met before final bus assignments are made. Please allow 2 to 3 school days for processing. Upon completion of the review, the Transportation Department will respond to all registrations via email or phone. Please provide us with an accurate email address below. Thank you!

Please click [HERE](#) to register for transportation.

### **Bell Schedule**

Click [HERE](#) to see the Northwood Daily Bell Schedule

### **COVID 19 Safety Guidelines/Plans**

Please know that our primary goal is to keep students and staff safe. For reference, we are basically starting where we left off last year minus attestations. We love having students learning in-person and will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Regardless of vaccination status, masks will be required at all times (except when eating lunch) while inside the building. Students and staff will not be required to wear masks while outside. This includes before entering the building prior to school, during outside PE, and outside after lunch.
2. We will maintain 3ft of distance in our classrooms and 6ft of distance in our lunchroom.
3. Handwashing will be encouraged multiple times throughout a student's day.

There will be more information regarding our COVID guidelines coming out, but this hits at the important ones at this point.

### **Change to Open House--Please Note**

Due to Covid restrictions, an in person Open House will not take place. We will create a website where parents and students can watch videos to meet the teachers and learn more about what is being taught in each course. Stay tuned, I will send out the link and course information in future communication.

### **School Supply Lists (lists are the same, but there are a couple updates to lockers)**

You can [CLICK HERE](#) to access the 2021-22 school supply lists.

A couple items to note:

1. Unfortunately, we will not be using lockers to begin the year. We are hoping to use them at some point soon! Each student will be able to use a backpack that they will carry to class with them. We would recommend selecting a backpack with additional padding for a laptop as all students will use school issued Chromebooks for in school and take home use. In addition, please consider storing excess school supplies at home in order to keep the weight of the backpack lower. These lists are intended to fulfill a student's needs for the entire school year.
2. It is also a possibility that students will not be using locker rooms for PE or dressing down for PE. But we do know that students will either need to wear or bring tennis shoes every day for their PE class. This would be similar to what students were used to last year.
3. If this supply list is a barrier for your family, please reach out to us. We are happy to help.

### **Student Schedule Pick Up and Tours**

1. Incoming 6th grade students at Northwood Middle School are invited to get their schedule, new computer, and take a tour of the building on the afternoon of Monday, August 30th from 12:30-3:00. A separate email with specific details and times will be coming out soon!
2. 7th and 8th grade students can stop by Northwood to pick up their schedule in front of the school on Thursday, September 2nd and Friday, September 3rd from 7:00-12:00 then again at 1:00 3:00pm. If a student cannot pick up his or her schedule on either of these dates, please know their schedule will be available electronically on PowerSchool around this time and it will be available on the first day of school. We will let you know when schedules are available on PowerSchool!

### **Breakfast and Lunch**

We have been informed that breakfast and lunch will be provided at No Cost again this year. We still need families who qualify to fill out the free and reduced applications. This can help us determine other fees to waive. We will have three lunches in our schedule this year and we will be starting with assigned seating. We hope these restrictions will ease over time.

### **Questions?**

- If you have general questions, please call the main office at 465-7500. Office staff will be back Monday through Friday next week.
- For questions pertaining to academics, please reach out to our counselors.
  - Brock Salzman ([brock.salzman@mead354.org](mailto:brock.salzman@mead354.org)) (465-7526)--7th(L-Z) and 8th grade questions
  - Alana Cummings ([alana.cummings@mead354.org](mailto:alana.cummings@mead354.org)) (465-7525)--6th Grade and 7th (A-K) grade questions

- For other questions pertaining to the operation of school, please reach out to our Assistant Principals.
  - Pat Round ([patrick.round@mead354.org](mailto:patrick.round@mead354.org)) (465.7540)--6th Grade and 7th (A-K) grade questions
  - Teresa Laher ([teresa.laher@mead354.org](mailto:teresa.laher@mead354.org)) (465.7511)--7th(L-Z) and 8th grade questions

Finally, I hope that this information helps you as we prepare for the school year. Northwood is the right place for your students, and we are very excited to meet you and your kids. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the assistant principals mentioned above for anything. If you ever have the question, "Should I reach out?" The answer is always, YES.

Have a great weekend!

Troy Hughes  
Principal  
Northwood Middle School

We Believe in You!!

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