



August 4th, 2022

Northwood Husky Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy. The 2022-2023 school year is quickly approaching. I want to use this opportunity to communicate with all of you as we prepare to start school. Our outstanding Northwood teachers are excited to provide a top notch education for all students. It is our job to make certain each Northwood student is believed in, included, accepted, challenged, safe, and showing growth. This letter provides information on our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade visit/open house, school supply lists, a few athletic updates, and other information you will want to know.

First Week of School

Our first day of school is Tuesday, August 30th. We do not have school on Friday, September 2nd and Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day holiday.

- For a copy of our school calendar, you can [\[click here\]](#).

School Start Time Changes

For your planning, I wanted to make sure you were aware that our middle school start times have changed.

1. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday–School begins at 7:55am and ends at 2:30pm.
2. Wednesday–School begins at 8:35am and ends at 2:30pm.
 - a. Please know that transportation and breakfast times will be adjusted for the 40-minute late start on Wednesdays.

A detailed bell schedule with breakfast and school entry times will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Open House-Thursday August, 25th

We are going to have our Open House for all students and families on Thursday, August 25th in the afternoon. Our goal is for students to get their class schedules, get their Chromebooks (for new students to Northwood), get into their lockers, meet their teachers, and relieve some stress. We also want our parents and students to see our awesome building and meet our staff, as many of our parents have not been inside. This will be a time for a meet and greet with teachers, principals, and parents. Students and parents will also be able to pick up some information on each of their classes, Fund Run, Athletics, Pay Fees, etc... **This will not be time for parent and teacher conferences, so if you wish to have a conference, please contact our counseling center.**

Please notice that we have reserved the first two hours (12:00pm-1:45pm) for our incoming 6th graders and any new students to Northwood. The remaining hour and a half (2:15pm-3:45pm) will be for returning students. Also, this is a “drop-in” event, so come whenever it is convenient for your family during those times.

If Thursday, August 25th does not work for your family, our building will be open on Friday, August 26th and Monday, August 29th from 8:00am to 3:00pm for families. You will not have access to your teachers those days, but you can still get your schedule, tour the building, and get into your locker!

Lockers

We have found that using a padlock is a new concept for many students. We recommend practicing using a padlock prior to this Open House by using a padlock you have at home or [this website](#) to practice. Students will be required to use lockers and our school-issued padlock, but practicing on any padlock beforehand has always proven helpful!

School Supply Lists

You can [\[click here\]](#) to access the 2022-23 school supply lists.

A couple items to note:

1. These lists are intended to fulfill a student's needs for the entire school year. Students will have the opportunity to keep excess items in their lockers until they need them for class. While backpacks will remain in students' lockers throughout the day, we would recommend having a backpack for transporting things to and from school. Our hope is that you can find a backpack with additional padding for a laptop as all students will use school issued Chromebooks for in school and take home use.
2. If this supply list is a financial barrier for your family, please reach out to us. We want to help.

Chromebooks

Please bring your chromebooks with you to school on the first day. Make sure they are charged and ready to use. If you do not have it because you were not able to visit, we will provide a time for you to get one on the first day of school.

Lunches

Don't let this be a stress right now. On the first day, our fourth period teachers will let you know which lunch you have and we will help you find your way.

Fund Run

We are excited that we will be holding our annual Fund Run this fall. This fun event supports our student activities, athletics, and extracurriculars throughout the year. This event will begin on Friday, September 23rd and culminate with the run on Friday, October 14th. This is our one and only middle school fundraiser and very important for our extracurricular programs and student activities!

Athletic Information

Registration for athletics for the 2021-22 school year is now open! Get a head start by registering online on [FamilyID](#). You can continue to use your account from last year. All

athletes must have a current physical on file and have a completed registration in order to attend practice. Fees can be paid at the Northwood business office starting on Aug. 16.

Physical Night @ Northwood - August 24, from 6:00-7:30pm - \$20 cash only - ALL GRADES ARE WELCOME! Physicals are good for 2 years. Please use the athletic entrance.

Football Equipment Handout - August 24, from 5:00-6:30pm - Please use the athletic entrance

7/8 Football Begins - August 29 @ 5:00-7:00pm - First Practice

6th/7th/8th Cross Country & 7/8 Softball Begin - Aug. 30 from 2:30-5:00pm - Athletes go straight to practice after school. There will not be an activity bus available on the first day or on Fridays throughout the season.

6th Girls Volleyball Begins - Sept. 26 from 2:30-5:00pm - Athletes go straight to practice after school.

*If you have any questions, please see our athletic website here: [GO HUSKIES!](#)

or contact Pat Round (Athletic Director) @ patrick.round@mead354.org

Office Hours & Questions

If you need to come into the school prior to the start of the school year, our office will be open beginning Tuesday, August 16th from 8:00am to 3:30pm until the first day of school. They will be closed for lunch from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

If you have general questions, please call the main office at 509-465-7500. Office staff will be back on August, 16th.

- For questions pertaining to academics, please reach out to our counselors.
 - Brock Salzman (brock.salzman@mead354.org) (465-7526)--8th(L-Z) and 6th grade questions
 - Alana Cummings (alana.cummings@mead354.org) (465-7525)--7th Grade and 8th (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) (465.7536)--7th Grade and 8th (A-K) grade questions
 - Matt Walter (matthew.walter@mead354.org) (465.7511)--8th(L-Z) and 6th 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. If you ever have the question, "Should I reach out?" The answer is always, "YES."

Troy Hughes
Northwood Principal
We Believe in You!
