

**August 19th, 2022**

**Northwood Husky Families,**

I hope this letter finds you excited to start the new school year. We are getting closer to the start of the school year, and we are ready to begin the work with our students and families. This year will be a great year of growth for our students. I want to use this opportunity to communicate some important information. A couple of these topics will be repeated from my last communication on August 4th. Knowing that we have many new students who have recently enrolled, you can [\[click here\]](#) to read my August 4th communication. Our teachers have already been back in the building preparing for a great year. 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, door entries for the first day of school, and other topics students and families will want to know.

**Presentation for Students and Families**

This is a slideshow that is really important for parents to sit down and read through with their students prior to the start of school. [\[click here\]](#) to read through and learn more about Northwood for the 2022-23 school year. The information contained in the slideshow should be very clear. By working together, we can create an environment that will maximize learning.

**First Week of School and Bell Schedule**

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. **There will not be a late start on the first Wednesday of school.**

- For a copy of our school calendar, you can [\[click here\]](#).
- To visit our website for a copy of our daily bell schedule, [\[click here\]](#).

**Door Entry on the First Day of School**

Please [\[click here\]](#) to see a map of the school and the designated doors for your grade level entrance.

Students who will be eating breakfast will be entering at 7:35 and all others will be entering at 7:45. If your student is not taking the bus, please account for entrance times in your transportation. On late start days, breakfast will start at 8:15 and students will enter at 8:25. Lunches are no longer provided at no cost this year.

**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.**

**(12:00pm-1:45pm) for our incoming 6th graders and any new students to Northwood.**

**(2:15pm-3:45pm) will be for returning students.**

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! Locker use will be required.

### **Nutrition Services**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) waiver that allowed school districts to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students expired at the end of the last school year. This means that for the 2022-23 school year, we are transitioning back to regular prices for school meals, with free/reduced price meals for qualified families. [Free/reduced lunch applications can be found here.](#)

- Nutrition Services will be sending a packet of information with meal details and more information early next week.

### **The Affordable Connectivity Program**

Is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service, [click here to learn more and see if you qualify.](#)

### **Transportation**

Transportation will be contacting all families with registered bus riders in the coming week. Please be on the lookout for information!

- All bus riders must register each year, so if you still need to register a bus rider, [click here.](#)
- **Bus route and bus stop information will be communicated directly to families of bus riders on Monday, 8/22.**
- Bus Arrival Times-Northwood Middle School:
  - 7:30 and 7:40 AM on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri.
  - 8:15 and 8:25 AM on Wed. (beginning Sept. 7)

Enjoy the rest of your summer. It is going to be a great year!

Troy Hughes  
Northwood Principal

We Believe in You!