

# Nooksack Valley Middle School

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September 25, 2023

Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	A Day <i>1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser turn in at start of day!</i>
Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	A Day
Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Day Late Arrival, school starts at 10 AM
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	B Day Student Photo Day
Friday, September 29 <sup>th</sup>	B Day <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser turn in at start of day!</i>
Monday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A Day Early Dismiss, school out at 11:45
Tuesday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	A Day <i>Final Fundraiser turn in at start of day.</i> Early Dismiss, school out at 11:45
Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	A Day Early Dismiss, school out at 11:45
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	B Day Early Dismiss, school out at 11:45
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	B Day

### **Fundraiser on now!**

Our annual ASB fundraiser started last week. We depend on the profits from this fundraiser to help pay for Pioneer Level 1 activities, events, assemblies and more. We would really appreciate your support. If you could help your child(ren) sell a few items, it would really benefit our entire school. We have some fun prizes and a NEW field trip opportunity we are excited to announce as a reward for participating and selling. Be on the lookout and be thinking of all in and out-of-town friends and family you can reach out to that might support our campaign. All students who participate must turn in a permission slip. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Volunteers are needed on the turn in dates of September 29 and October 3. This would start at 7:15. Contact the school office with any questions.

### **Picture Day:**

*Students will be photographed by O'Connor Photography Studio for their school record on September 28, 2023.*

*You should have received an email from O'Connor Photography with a link to order. Or, click the link below to pre-order portraits today!*

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001040916#login>

You can also purchase by visiting our website at: [www.oconnorphotographystudio.com](http://www.oconnorphotographystudio.com)  
If you have any questions or need assistance.

**Please give our studio a call at 1-800-993-4929.**

### **Conferences!!**

You should have heard from your student's teacher by now (through Parent Square) about choosing a time for conferences. If you have not, please reach out to the teacher. Conferences are October 2-5, each of those days we are on Early Dismiss schedule. School is out at 11:45.

### **Free breakfast and lunch for all students this year!!**

### **Highly Capable Program:**

Nooksack Valley School District is preparing for its yearly Highly Capable Program referral window running from November 1 through December 14, 2023.

The State of Washington defines highly capable as "students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experience or environments", as demonstrated by one or more of the multiple learning characteristics specified. The multiple characteristics focus upon (WAC 392-170-035)

If you'd like to refer your student, connect with your child's teacher to have a conversation about indicators to consider regarding your child and possible referral:

- Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations.
- Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers.
- Ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts.
- Ability to learn very quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength
- Capacity for intense concentration and/or focus
- Ability to apply creative solutions to problem/challenge

### **Annual Student Update and Parent Square**

Each year we ask parents and guardians to make sure their student's information is updated. This is done through Skyward as our Annual Student Update. The window for this update closes later in October. Without correct mailing addresses, phone numbers and contact information you will not receive report cards or other informational mailings and we may not be able to contact you in case of illness or emergency. Along with information updates, please complete the other forms and information requested each year. Please update!!

We use Parent Square for our communication home with families. You choose to set up the way in which the schools and teachers will communicate with you. It also helps us ensure we have accurate contact information. If you are not already signed up in Parent Square, please contact the Middle School office and we will help you with the process. If you have a student who has rolled up to a new school, you may need to confirm this in Parent Square, look for a pop-up. This system also allows for two-way communication regarding absences, texting to teachers, emailing etc. Our goal is to provide one communication tool for our parents and teachers for all school activities.

#### **Updated cell phone use at school:**

At NVMS our hope for students is that they are able to develop healthy peer-peer relationships both in-person and online along with healthy and productive relationships with technology. In order to do so, consistent campus and classroom expectations around cell phone and ear bud usage will be in place. If a student needs to use their phone for personal use, the expectation is that they check in with a teacher or other staff member to get permission to step into the office or separate space to do so. Students may also use the school phone for school business or emergencies.

Cell phones must remain in students' backpack between the times of 7:40-2:15., with the exception of their lunch time.

Violation of Cell Phone Expectation- (cell phone gets turned into the office)

1<sup>st</sup> time– Student will need to pick up phone at the end of the day

2<sup>nd</sup> time – Parent/Guardian will need to arrange to pick up phone Lunch Detention

3<sup>rd</sup> time– Pioneer Level Drop

For boys grade 2-6:

[2023 Nooksack Youth Boys Basketball Registration Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Complete the form below to register for Nooksack Valley Youth Boys Basketball.

The registration fee is \$85. Late registration begins October 15th and is \$105.  
Payment can be made via Venmo @NVYouthBasketball or by check made out to Nooksack Valley Youth Boys Basketball and mailed to:  
Nooksack Valley Youth Boys Basketball  
203 Lincoln Circle  
Sumas, WA 98295

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

No registrations can be taken after November 2nd.

Basketball practice will begin the week of November 13th and will be held in local gyms and typically occur on Mondays/Wednesdays or Tuesdays/Thursdays. Games will begin December 2nd and end February 3rd with a 2-week break for winter break.

Players will need to provide their own gym appropriate shoes and water bottles. Each player will receive their own basketball to keep.

Nooksack Youth Basketball is part of the North County Hoops League. The League consists of programs from Lynden, Mt. Baker, Blaine, and Meridian youth sports.