

Northwood Newsletter

January 2026

Northwood Community,

January is here. The calendar flipped, but the mission stayed the same. Every student belongs here. Every day matters. Two weeks left in the semester. This is the home stretch. It is time to finish strong.

What you can do right now.

- Talk with your student about goals for the next two weeks.
- Clean out backpacks and lockers. You would be amazed what lives at the bottom.
- Look for missing assignments. Papers do not submit themselves.
- Encourage effort, not excuses. Progress beats perfect.

Strong finishes matter. Grades do not just measure learning. They also build confidence. Students who end a semester strong are more likely to start the next one strong. Momentum is real. Keep the conversation going with teachers.

Communication matters, especially with a new semester around the corner.

Here is why.

- Schools that report strong family communication see higher attendance.
- Students with regular home and school communication earn better grades.
- Consistent check ins reduce surprises. Nobody likes surprises in February.

You do not need long emails.

A quick message works.

A question works.

Partnership works.

Belonging stays at the center.

When students feel known, supported, and connected, they work harder and take more pride in their learning. Belonging is not a poster on the wall. It is daily actions from adults at home and at school.

Two weeks.

Plenty of time.

Let's finish strong, together.

Thank you for your continued support of Northwood and your partnership with our staff. Your students belong here, and we are better because they are.



Rick Pelkie
Principal
Northwood Middle School

Jan 5
Return from Winter Break

Jan 9
8th gr Job Shadow Day

Jan 12-16
ELA Map Testing

Jan 19
No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 20-23
Math Map Testing

Jan 21
No late Start
School begins @ 7:55am

Jan 23
Early Release @ 11am
End of Semester I

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No School Monday Jan 19th, 2026

No Late Start Wed, Jan 21st School begins @ 7:55am

Early Release Fri, Jan 23, 2026 End of Sem I

Northwood Family Fundraiser Event

Sponsored by Houston Hot Chicken & Northwood Parent Pack

Friday, January 16th
10:30am - 11:00pm

HHC

9412 N Newport Hwy ste c, Spokane, WA 99218

A percentage of the proceeds will go to Northwood's Parent Pack to support student activities and all things Northwood!
Thanks for your support!

Drama Club

Session 1
Every Tues & Thurs
Jan 20 - Feb 26
2:45pm - 4:45pm

Students can sign up in Northwood Google Classroom Jan 9-Jan 13

Report Cards

Beginning Monday, Feb 2nd, 2026 a copy of your student's Semester 1 report card can be requested through our counseling center using the request link below:



Report card options:
~ Paper copy sent home with your student
~ Digital copy through email

Link to request a copy of Semester 1 report card

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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!



SPONSORED BY:

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The money raised goes toward:

- Athletics
- Clubs
- Drama
- Field Trips
- Clubs
- Music
- Art
- Student Incentives
- And much more!

Thank you for your support!

PARENTS AND FUTURE WILDCATS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



FUTURE WILDCAT NIGHT

FEBRUARY 23
MSHS GYM AND COMMONS
6-7:30PM

SAVE THE DATE!

- INCOMING FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT
- FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026 FROM 6-8PM
- MEAD HIGH SCHOOL
- ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM FAIR
- STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WITH THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

YOU BELONG AND WE BELIEVE IN YOU!