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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

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Dear Families:

I would like to take this time to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year! My name is Andre Jones, and I am very excited to be your child's principal for this year. I assure you that I will work with you to ensure the best education for your child in a positive learning environment.

In order to ensure the best for your child I will hold myself, the staff, parents, and students to the highest expectations. As a parent you are your child's first and most important teacher. Your attitudes, words, and actions shape your child's beliefs about his/herself and their potential in life. Your child's educational future depends on us working side by side to create an educational experience at Northgate Intermediate and the lessons learned here will carry them through life. **The first week of school your child will be bringing home the Parent/Student Handbook with all the forms that need to be signed and returned to school. Included in these documents will be the Columbus City Schools *Guide to Positive Student Behavior*. Please take the time to review these documents with your child.**

The first day of school for students is Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The following information should be helpful as you plan and prepare for the opening day of school:

1. **OPTIONAL MASK WEARING:** Our main office/classrooms will still provide student and adult size masks for students/staff and visitors.

2. **SCHOOL DAY: Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.** Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. NO CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:30 a.m. for safety reasons. We cannot provide supervision of children until 8:30 a.m. We appreciate your help with keeping the boys and girls safe that attend our school.

3. **CALENDAR FOR 2026-2027: A copy of the District Traditional Calendar** is included with this letter. Specific dates of special events occurring at Northgate Intermediate will be given to parents via school newsletter, parent reminders, phone dialer, and on the school website.

4. **DRESS CODE:** For the 2026-2027 school year, **Northgate Intermediate will follow the Columbus City School's Dress Code Policy.** Please refer to the information attached to this letter which outlines the Student Dress Code/Basic Head-to-Toe Guide on what not to wear to school.

5. **ATTENDANCE: Everyday Counts!** Please refer to the information attached to this letter which outlines procedures if a student is absent from school **(information located above Student Dress Code).**

6. **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH: The daily breakfast and hot lunch program will begin on the first day of school, Thursday, August 20, 2026.** Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria and **IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS.** All students will be in the classroom by 9:00 a.m. so that the teacher can begin the day's instruction. **Every student in Columbus City Schools will receive a free lunch under a new federal program.**

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Please note that if your child is going to be tardy, please call the office at 365-8815 by 9:30 a.m. so that lunch can be ordered for your child.

7. **TRANSPORTATION:** **Bus Route Information** is moving to **Parent Portal**! Please notify the school immediately if this information is not correct. It is very important that we know where to send your child when school is dismissed on the first day. The bus stop is determined by the address that the district has on file for your family. **If you moved over the summer, parents are now responsible for verifying/changing their addresses in their Parent Portal (information attached).**

8. **DISMISSAL:** The school day ends at 3:30 p.m.

9. **SCHOOL ACCESS:** Our main office door is located on Sharon Woods Blvd. It is the entrance to the left of our school parking lot. You will have to ring the doorbell to gain access. Ms. Krawiec, our school secretary, will buzz you in. If you are picking up your child early, please remember to bring your driver's license.

Your child's teacher of record this school year is:

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Virtual Parent Orientation:

- Our **Virtual Back to School Orientation** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 12th, 2026, from 6:00 to 7:45 pm.** The link to access the event is below and will also be shared in the automated dialer and posted on our school website next week
  - **Virtual Back to School Orientation-Wednesday, August 12th (6:00-7:45 PM)**
  - **https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/86268750823**
  - **Meeting ID 862 6875 0823**
- **CCS Back-To-School Resource Fair-**Saturday, August 15th at Fort Hayes Campus (10:00 am-1:00 pm)

Northgate Intermediate Ice Cream Social:

- **I would like to invite Northgate parents and students to our "Back to School" Ice Cream Social outside on our school playground. The date for this event is Tuesday, August 25, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m. This time will give you the opportunity to meet administration, staff, community partners, and network with other parents. Students will also get an opportunity to play on our newly built Mini-Pitch Soccer Field.**

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to working with you this year. Please know that I am always here for you and your child! Feel free to call me at 614-365-8815 or email me at **ajones4766@columbus.k12.oh.us** if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Andre Jones
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Principal

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