THE TROJAN TIMES

Nash Central Middle School **Volume 1** **August 31, 2026**

THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Thank you for reviewing the information provided within this post. If you or your student have any specific questions or requests for clarification, please contact the school and a member of my team will be glad to provide support.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your students, families and our entire school community.

GO TROJANS!

-Mr. Craig Tedford

STATE OF OUR SCHOOL

We are coming off of one of the best performance years in school history and have had a great opening of the 26-27 school year. Our 6th grade students are transitioning well. Our 7th and 8th grade classes have returned to form and seem to be focused on learning.

We are currently reviewing the first days of school and will be making adjustments over the next week that will support improvements for our students and our daily operations.

Our goals for 26-27 include: Increasing student performance scores, increasing our School Performance Grade, implementing supports to improve our students' experiences and behaviors, as well as improving in our recognitions and celebrations of staff successes.

STUDENTS

Please review the Student Handbook to ensure that **YOU** are adhering to our Uniform and Dress code policies. Below are a few areas that we need to improve in:

1. TOPS (see **TOPS SHOULD NOT** page 14)
2. Length of clothing (see **BOTTOMS ALL** page 13)
3. Dress Down clothing (see **ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE**, page 14)
4. **Footwear**- In an effort to prevent falls and injury, students should have on footwear that secures at the heel. Examples of prohibited styles include but are not limited to: Slides, Flip Flops, slippers/bedroom shoes. Mules, Strapless sandals)

*We will be adding a section to the handbook to support this expectation. .

Student Handbook

FAMILIES

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work towards improvement. We welcome over 200 new students and families to our school each year. Often, that represents significant changes to our student transportation selections.

BUS:

Mrs. Boone is working on our bus program each day as a priority. Delays and inconsistencies are a yearly challenge as a significant number of families register their students. I am hopeful that we are closing in on consistency within our bus schedules. Please follow the district policies and those shared by Mrs. Boone to request a bus, check ridership, pick up/drop off times, stop locations and bus tracking software (NCMS does not provide technical support of the bus apps. Families should work directly within the app)

CAR:

We have seen a significant increase to the number of students who use car transportation. While the school is not responsible for areas beyond our campus, I have been working directly on trying to find a way to get more cars onto the campus and off of the public roadway. Please review the rules and procedures, and some recommendations that I feel will add to the improvements.

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

*Our traffic pattern/cone system has been designed to ensure the safe drop off and pick up of students. This includes staff placement and designated areas of supervision. When drivers fail to follow our process, they put both students and staff at risk of injury.

*Driver actions that threaten the safety of our students and staff will not be tolerated and as

the Principal, I will take all allowable steps to restrict violators from entering our campus.

*Please help us in working together to get our students to and from school safely

1. Drivers should never access the campus using staff entrances. All non-staff access is by way of our front driveway. This applies to both drop off and pick up access.

2. Do not attempt to circumvent our cone system to advantage your position in the car line.

3. Drivers who arrive prior to dismissal should not block our firelanes or campus entrances.

4. Students should be in class by 8:30, and be picked up by 4:00. Our staffing plan and school operations are predicated on our families meeting their responsibilities and being on time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Arrive early if you are in a hurry. If we all follow the process, your place in line is secure.

2. Support the natural flow of traffic by not blocking entrances and exits. Stop at all identified and natural crossings. If cars cannot exit, then the line cannot progress.

3. Pull forward. Limit the space between you and the car in front of you. Each 10-12 feet of space we can save, allows another car off of the roadway.

4. Be patient, and model how we would like our students to act.

I commit to you that I will always respect your time, and will try to make our school processes as safe and efficient as we can for our entire school community. Concerns should be addressed through members of the Admin team: Mrs. Boone AP, Mrs. Clark AP, Mr. Tedford Principal. **NCMS staff members are not responsible for the design of our transportation program or making changes. Please be respectful to those who are doing their best to follow the programs I have asked them to support.**