



Northwood Knight Life

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From the Principal

Greetings Northwood Family,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2020-2021 school year. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives and will impact schools across the country this fall. Rest assured that I, along with every Northwood staff member, am committed to providing a safe environment where students can learn, grow, dream, and succeed. This was our approach before COVID-19 and will not change, though the ways we work to accomplish our goals will look very different. I hope that your family has had time to relax and enjoy your summer under these unique circumstances. Summer break is important to the cycle of the school year. While we all welcome a break, we miss our school family and the successes of the previous school year. As August approaches each summer, students enjoy back-to-school shopping and the anticipation of their new teachers and classmates. Middle school is such a special time when students make leaps in their academic and social lives. Your child's school staff understands the necessary supports to make sure our kids develop as students, friends, sons and daughters, and citizens. I cherish the culture that we have developed at Northwood because I believe it produces a student who will succeed and lead at the high school level and beyond.

Any successful school relies on a partnership with the community and the home. More right now than ever before, I have some things to ask of you, as parents. We are beginning the school year with one day of in-person learning. I have missed our students and the energy that is present in our school each day. While I am disappointed that I can't give any "high fives", I'm just excited to be able to give some socially-distanced "thumbs up"! Parents, eLearning will look different than it did in the spring. Students must log-in and work daily to keep up with their classes and to be counted present. Parents and schools did a remarkable job last spring in the face of an emergency situation, but we need to work back to the high standards that we are used to at Northwood. We are talking about our students' futures and their right to an exceptional educational experience. Please help by driving home the importance of daily work in all classes. Also, please discuss the need to follow all directions regarding wearing a mask, hand-washing, and practicing social-distancing with your students. We will coach our students on these things, but we will not be able to allow repeated non-compliance in these areas. We believe that if we follow these guidelines, we can all stay safe in our school. This will be a team effort! Finally, I urge you to describe Northwood to your students as a safe place where they can let someone know if they are not feeling okay. COVID-19 touched all of our families in so many ways, and we have trained staff on-hand to help our students deal with their feelings about the changes in their young lives.

As principal my greatest responsibility is to ensure the safety of each student, staff member, and visitor at our school. Measures such as the district-wide I.D. policy, our NMS dress code, and strict adherence to all GCS student behavior policies are intended to allow us to teach and learn in an environment that is conducive to a quality education. These are all still in place any time that we occupy the building. Also, I strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with your child's school handbook which details our processes and procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is a question or concern that you or your child have about Northwood Middle, and I look forward to continuing Northwood's long-standing record of success, *together*.

Sincerely,
Treva Lee



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A NOTE FROM THE PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

We are so thankful to the many parents and volunteers that help to make Northwood such a wonderful school. The PTA seeks to connect parents, schools, and students in a supportive community. Here is a re-cap of some of the ways we did that last year:

- Served teachers and staff a “Welcome Breakfast” and quarterly lunches.
- Awarded \$5,000 in mini grants for teachers to buy items needed for their classrooms.
- Supplied all students with a planner for the year.
- Supplied new books for the media center.
- Recognized students for academic, athletic, artistic, and character achievements.
- Supplied items needed for the health room.
- Hosted special events for Staff Appreciation Week.
- Assisted with Christmas Knights.
- Supplied instructional materials for teachers & classrooms.
- Planted flowers and assisted in ways needed to keep the school grounds looking good.
- Organized socials for students.
- Maintained communication channels among parents, students, and the school.

We look forward to continuing these activities and more in potentially new ways, if necessary. Again, thank you for your support.

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DRESS CODE

At Northwood, we pride ourselves in being an exceptional school! The personal appearance of every student is an important component of establishing a safe environment for optimal learning and respect for one another. The information provided below highlights some of the components of our dress code. Please review the full dress code policy in the Northwood student agenda/handbook or on the school's website.

Shirts:

- Tops must be solid white, navy, or black.
- Tops must have collars, buttons, and sleeves.
- Tops may have a small, appropriate logo over the pocket area only.

Pants, shorts, skirts:

- Bottoms must be solid khaki, navy, or black.
- Jeans and bottoms made to look like jeans are not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts may measure no shorter than 3" above the top of the kneecap.
- A belt is required if the garment has belt loops. No large buckles nor writing/symbols are permitted to be on the belt.

Miscellaneous:

- All clothing must be free from holes, faux holes, patched holes, rips, etc.
- Shoes may be any color and must have back-straps.
- Lightweight, non-hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, and jackets may be worn in the classroom, provided they are solid colored white, navy, or black and have a regulation shirt underneath them.

Students who come to school inappropriately dressed will be asked to call home to have an appropriate item brought to them. Students will then be instructed to wait in the in-school-suspension room until a parent arrives.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Due to current restrictions, we have had to delay our dress down days for the time being but look for information in the coming weeks! New to Northwood? Dress down days are scheduled on designated Fridays. Students can pay \$2 when they get to school to take a break from their uniforms and wear "street clothes." Clothes should still abide by the [district dress code](#). All money raised will go towards PTA events and projects.

Help Needed!



No matter your situation, we have a place for you! Whether you have time during the day to come to school or you are looking for an activity that can be done from home, we can use your help. Just want to grab something at the grocery store to send in when we need it? That's great! Fill out this [form](#) to let us know your interests, and we'll contact you.

Can Tab Collection



Northwood has a long history of donating tens of thousands of can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House each year. Although we aren't sure yet when we can collect them this year, **DON'T STOP COLLECTING!** Just hold on to them and watch for details of how to turn them in. Remember, you can earn prizes for your homeroom!

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times



No student may be dropped-off at school before **7:30 AM**, and all students need to be picked-up by **4:00 PM** after school. For safety reasons, students should be dropped off and picked up at the front of the school. **Do not pull into the parking lot to drop off or pick up students.**

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NORTHWOOD PTA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Northwood PTA is now accepting corporate sponsorships for the 2020-2021 school year. Would you consider supporting us in this way? Becoming a sponsor is a great way to get your company's name out to thousands while helping wonderful students and an amazing staff at the same time! Please contact Kristen Belflower at kristen@thebelflowers.com if you would like to become a sponsor or need more information.

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- 4'X8' BANNER (SPONSOR PROVIDED) HUNG ON THE FENCE ALL YEAR
- LISTED AS A SPONSOR ON NORTHWOOD PTA WEBSITE
- WEEKLY MENTION IN E-BLAST SENT TO ALL SUBSCRIBED PARENTS
- ONE TIME MENTION ON NORTHWOOD PTA FACEBOOK PAGE
- TABLE DURING ONE PTA SPONSORED EVENT DURING THE YEAR
- 1/2 PAGE AD IN BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
- FULL BACK PAGE AD ON AGENDAS GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS

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- WEEKLY MENTION IN E-BLAST SENT TO ALL SUBSCRIBED PARENTS
- ONE TIME MENTION ON NORTHWOOD PTA FACEBOOK PAGE
- TABLE DURING ONE PTA SPONSORED EVENT DURING THE YEAR
- 1/2 PAGE AD IN BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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- 4'X6' BANNER (SPONSOR PROVIDED) HUNG ON THE FENCE ALL YEAR
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- ONE TIME MENTION ON NORTHWOOD PTA FACEBOOK PAGE
- TABLE DURING ONE PTA SPONSORED EVENT DURING THE YEAR
- 1/4 PAGE AD IN BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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- 4'X6' BANNER (SPONSOR PROVIDED) HUNG ON THE FENCE ALL YEAR
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- ONE TIME MENTION IN E-BLAST SENT TO ALL SUBSCRIBED PARENTS
- THANK YOU POST ON NORTHWOOD PTA FACEBOOK PAGE

Want to stay connected and get the latest info?

Don't be left in the dark! Get info delivered straight to you. Follow these simple steps to make sure you and your student never miss out!

1. Sign up for the eBlast that comes out every Sunday with the info for the week:

[eBlast Sign-Up](#)

2. Follow our social media accounts:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

3. Check out the PTA website for sign-ups and details on events:

NorthwoodMiddleSchoolPTA.org



PTA Monthly Meetings

Northwood Middle School PTA monthly meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 9am, generally in the media center conference room. All are always welcome! Due to current circumstances, we will be meeting by Zoom, so contact the board at northwoodmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com to obtain a log-in. This is a great way to stay informed even if you aren't ready to jump in and help yet. Hope to see you there!



The School Improvement Council (SIC) meets the last Wednesday of each month at 12pm, currently by Zoom. SIC serves as the main advisory board to the principal. Any parent can serve. If you are interested, please email Mr. Lee at lee@greenville.k12.sc.us.

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NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL 2020-21 BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth/disposable face mask(s) which cover nose and mouth securely • 100 Page Composition Notebooks, Qty 6 • 3-Pronged Folders, Qty 5 • Pencils • Colored Pencils • Highlighters • Glue Sticks • Pencil Sharpener • Pencil Pouch • Earbuds • Inexpensive Basic Calculator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth/disposable face mask(s) which cover nose and mouth securely • 100 Page Composition Notebooks, Qty 4 • 1" 3-Ring Binder • 3-Pronged Folders with Pockets, Qty 4 • 2 Pocket Folder • Loose Leaf Notebook Paper • Index Cards • Pencils • Colored Pencils • Highlighters • Glue Sticks • Pencil Sharpener • Pencil Pouch • Earbuds • Scientific Calculator • Gifted/Talented English: 3-Ring Binder with Dividers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth/disposable face mask(s) which cover nose and mouth securely • 100 Page College-Ruled Composition Notebooks, Qty 3 • 1" 3-Ring Binder • 1.5" 3-Ring Binder • Loose Leaf Notebook Paper • Graph Paper • Sticky Notes • Index Cards • Pencils • Colored Pencils • Highlighters • Glue Stick / Tape • Pencil Sharpener • Earbuds • Scissors • Ruler • Geometry Honors: Compass & Protractor • Math 8: TI 30X IIS Calculator * • Algebra I Honors: TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator * <p><i>(Items above with an asterisk* are recommended, not required)</i></p> |

Please note that ALL Northwood Teachers appreciate donations of the following items:

Tissues, disinfecting wipes, dry erase markers, and pencils

Become a Northwood Middle School PTA Member Today!

PTA is a membership association. Parents, students, grandparents, and community members are asked to join to show support of the work that we do at Northwood and the work that our state and national offices do to help children, families, and schools. A strong membership will help to make a strong Northwood!

Join today for only \$5 per person: <https://nwmstaylor.memberhub.store/>

There are many discounts included with a PTA membership, including Hertz, Office Depot, Good Housekeeping, Lifelock, and many more. Go to www.pta.org for details!

PTA Needs Your Support!

In recognition of the time limitations and commitments of our families, we have simplified our fundraising efforts and no longer have schoolwide PTA fundraisers. However, with circumstances as they are, our typical ways of raising money are in jeopardy. Please consider making a donation to the PTA through our Friends of Northwood program. 100% of this money goes to support our students and staff!

If you wish to give to Friends of Northwood, there are two ways to donate.

- Go to the SHOP tab on [MemberHub](#) and click on the *Make a Difference! Donate* button. All money will go directly to Northwood.
- Want to write a check? Print out this [form](#) on our website and mail check and form to Northwood Middle School, Attn: PTA, 710 Ikes Road, Taylors, SC 29687. Your check can serve as your receipt.

Individuals, families, or businesses with a cumulative donation of **\$75.00** or more will be recognized in a weekly email sent to our families. All donations are tax deductible. Questions? Contact Kristen Belflower at kristen@thebelflowers.com. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Express Yourself

National PTA's **Reflections** program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

The theme for the 2020-2021 program year is *I Matter Because...*. Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

More details coming but start thinking about your entries!



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