

NORTHWOOD KNIGHT LIFE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Northwood Family,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 school year. With the pandemic behind us, I am hopeful that you all have had a chance to return to “normal” and do some of the summer activities that your family enjoys. The break provides us all with some time to relax, rejuvenate, and to reflect on our school year to make the next year even better! We have a special school community including students, teachers, support staff, and parents who take pride in making sure our students’ educational experience is second to none. This summer we have been fortunate to have been able to host over one-hundred students in Summer Bridge, to help fill in gaps from the past eighteen months of school instruction. Now, in just a short time we will welcome another class of sixth-grade Knights and we will begin to write the next chapter, **together.**

We understand the necessary components and experiences that make middle school unique. We also understand the demands and requirements for high school and beyond, and are committed to providing a curriculum that is not only rigorous and challenging, but also interesting and engaging. There are many activities available at NMS this year to involve students and parents in the school and I encourage each of you to explore these opportunities in order to become active in our school life. These include athletics, our fine arts programs, student clubs, community outreach opportunities, and our student leadership opportunities. We will always need student and parent support each year to be successful. I know that the leadership and hard work from both groups will again make this a successful school year. Our school website will continue to be a valuable resource for parents and students. The website will list current news, recognitions, activities, and monthly calendars so that parents can be informed about the many exciting happenings that take place at Northwood. Each teacher’s website will include information for parents to keep a pulse on their child’s academic progress. “Like” us on Facebook and “follow” us on Twitter to see examples of the fun our kids have while exploring and learning. All parents are encouraged to access the District Parent Portal where student grades and attendance are available for viewing at all times. Please come into our school office to obtain instructions and passwords for accessing the Parent Portal. Take advantage of the opportunities at NMS by joining the PTA and getting involved in all aspects of our school. Our PTA knows no bounds when it comes to supporting the efforts of our teachers and staff, so that we may give those special “extras” to our students throughout the school year.

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355-7057

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355-7004

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355-7005

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Counselor
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

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. We require all visitors to first sign in through the main office, without exception. I also strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with your child's school handbook.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is a question or concern that you or your child has about Northwood Middle. In this newsletter there will be tentative dates for some of the year's PTA events. I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us when possible. I look forward to continuing Northwood's long-standing record of success, **together**.

Sincerely, Treva Lee

6TH GRADE BOOTCAMP

Northwood Middle School will host their rising 6th grade class at Boot Camp on **Thursday, August 12 from 3-5:30pm!**

Students will be given the opportunity to explore the school in a small group with a personal guide, meet other 6th graders, practice opening a locker, and learn how to have a successful 6th grade year. At the end of Boot Camp, students will be given their class schedules and have an opportunity to meet their teachers.



Parents will arrive to the school at 5:30 to meet up with their students. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, listen to teacher presentations and walk the student's schedule. This part of the event will last from 6:00-7:30pm. Register online by visiting the Northwood website and completing the form found on the home page under the Boot Camp Registration Link. Call or email Lucy Pollard, 6th Grade Counselor, if you have any questions.

Phone: (864) 355-7057

Email: qupollard@greenville.k12.sc.us



MEET THE TEACHER & OPEN HOUSE

Meet the Teacher/Open House is for students and parents to pick up schedules, meet their teachers, learn about their classes, and tour the school.

6TH GRADE

This will take place at Bootcamp on August 12.

7TH & 8TH GRADES

Monday, August 16

5:45-7:00pm

Doors open at 5:00pm. Transportation, PTA, and Extended Day Registration will be available 5:00pm - 6:00pm. You will follow your student's schedule to visit each of their classes and listen to a short presentation by each teacher. Presentations will begin at 5:45pm.

***Any New Northwood 7th/8th Graders** - Please check the Northwood website for information for a special orientation on August 16th in addition to the Meet the Teacher event!



NORTHWOOD WEBSITE : <https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/northwd/>

School supply lists, upcoming club information, Northwood athletics, PE uniform information and MORE will all be available on the Northwood website! Check often for important announcements!

JOIN THE NORTHWOOD PTA

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, and many more. Go to www.pta.org for details!



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 do that each year:

- Serve teachers and staff quarterly lunches and host special events for Staff Appreciation Week
- Supply instructional materials for classrooms and award \$5,000 in mini grants for teachers
- Supply all students with a planner for the year and new books for the media center
- Recognize students for academic, athletic, artistic, and character achievements
- Assist with Christmas Knights
- Plant flowers and assist in ways needed to keep the school grounds looking good
- Organize socials for students
- Maintain communication channels among parents, students, and the school

We look forward to continuing these activities in 2021-2022! Again, thank you for your support.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- President:** Kellie Herlong
Vice President: Lindsey New
Secretary: Lizzi-beth Spence
Treasurer: Kristen Belflower

Check out our website for more details!
www.northwoodmiddleschoolpta.org

The PTA needs volunteers for one-time events, ongoing projects, daytime and behind the scenes support. Please contact Kellie Herlong (northwoodmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

TO DO

Help Northwood Middle while you shop! Sign up with the following retail partners, takes 3 minutes!

1		<i>Log into your Publix account and make sure you have selected our school as your partner school. Enter your phone number at check-out.</i>
2		<i>Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Northwood Middle as your charity. It's a win-win!</i>
3		<i>Go to their Cart to Class program to make sure your rewards card is linked. This has to be done every school year.</i>

Mark your Calendar!

PTA MEETINGS - ALL WELCOME!

Northwood PTA Meetings are held in the Media Center conference room at 9:00am on the last Wednesday of each month.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Hope to see you there!

NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL **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.

ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

It is very important that the school has up-to-date contact information for each student. The school district requires two proofs of address (current bill or contract on a house or apartment) for an address change. To have your phone number changed in the computer, please call the main office (864-355-7000) or send it in written form with your student's name on it. You can also update phone numbers on Parent Backpack.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

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.



TDAP VACCINE - 7TH GRADERS

South Carolina law requires that students entering the 7th grade receive a dose of Tdap vaccine. Students entering the 7th grade who have not received the vaccine will not be allowed to receive their class schedule or attend school until they have received the vaccine and provided proof to the school nurse. If you are unsure if your child has met this requirement, please contact our school nurse, Ms. Arness at (864) 355-7007.



STAY CONNECTED

Want to stay connected and get the latest information? Follow these simple steps to make sure you and your student don't miss out on important announcements.



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Sign up for the weekly email newsletter. Visit www.northwoodmiddleschoolpta.com to subscribe.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We would love for each and every parent to stay up-to-date on the latest activities and be able to volunteer when it is most convenient! At the link listed below you will find a list of volunteer opportunities that will fit all types of schedules. We can always use lots of help, so please take a look and sign up for anything that might interest you. Sign up on the Northwood PTA website or use this QR Code.

Sign up today!

For quick access, use this QR Code:



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 12: 6th Grade Boot Camp

August 16: 7th & 8th Meet the Teacher

August 17: First Day of School

August 25: PTA Meeting

August 27: Dress Down Day \$2

September 3: Summer Reading BINGO Deadline

September 6: Student Holiday

September 17: Dress Down Day \$2
School Social \$2

September: Fall Book Fair

September 29: PTA Meeting

October 15: End 1st Quarter

October 18-19: Student Holiday

October 21: 1st Report Card

October 22: Dress Down Day \$2

October 27: PTA Meeting

November 12: Dress Down Day \$2

November 15-19: Christmas Knights Collection

November 19: Dress Down Day \$2

November 25-26: Thanksgiving Break

Each Sunday during the school year, the calendar is emailed out in our weekly E-blast. Make sure and sign up to receive the newsletter at www.northwoodmiddleschoolpta.com

Thank you to our Title Sponsor for 2021-2022:



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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The general list of recommended school supplies for each grade level is available on the Northwood Middle School website.

At Meet the Teacher, teachers will give students a list of specific items needed for their particular classroom. *(6th graders will receive this information at Bootcamp.)*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL



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 Donald Spann at dspann@gracechurchsc.org.

SUPPORT NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Northwood PTA is now accepting corporate sponsorships for the 2021-2022 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.

\$5,000 Title Sponsor



- 4'x8' Banner (sponsor provided) on fence all year
- Listed as a sponsor on the Northwood PTA website
- Weekly mention in E-Blast newsletter 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

Sponsored by:



\$1,000 Diamond Sponsor (1 Sold, 4 Available!)

- 4'x6' Banner (sponsor provided) on fence all year
- Listed as a sponsor on the Northwood PTA website
- Weekly mention in E-Blast newsletter sent to all subscribed parents
- One time mention on Northwood PTA Facebook page
- Table during one PTA Sponsored event during the year
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\$500 Platinum Sponsor

- 3'x4' Banner (sponsor provided) on fence all year
- Listed as a sponsor on Northwood PTA website
- Weekly mention in E-blast newsletter sent to all subscribed parents
- 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

\$300 gold Sponsor

- 3'x4' Banner (sponsor provided) on fence all year
- Listed as a sponsor on Northwood PTA website
- Weekly mention in E-blast newsletter sent to all subscribed parents

\$200+ In-kind Gifts / Silver Sponsor

- One time mention in E-blast newsletter sent to all subscribed parents
- Thank you post on Northwood PTA Facebook page





Parent Backpack is an online program that replaces the PowerSchool Parent Portal application. With the new Parent Backpack program, you will be able to view your child's grades, attendance, and discipline incidents. Best of all... Parent Backpack works on any device and is mobile friendly! Visit the Parent Backpack website (Link available on Northwood's website) to create an account. Once you have created your account, please stop by our Front Office to present your government-issued ID. Front Office hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm once school begins.

PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

The 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 2021-2022 program year is ***I Will Change the World By...***



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!

Thank you to our Diamond Sponsor for 2021-2022:

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NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL


FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 17, 2021

Welcome Knights!

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:25AM
AND ENDS AT 3:15PM

IMPORTANT!

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