

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 11 • SCHOOL STARTS 7:45 AM • SCHOOL ENDS 3:15 PM

Welcome Knights!



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NORTHWOOD

Knight Life

AUGUST
2026

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SCHOOL YEAR

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School Website
greenville.k12.sc.us/northwd



PTA Website
northwoodmiddleschoolpta.org



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Northwood Middle School
and [Northwood Middle PTA](#)

HELLO, NORTHWOOD FAMILY!



Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope this summer has provided your family with opportunities to relax, recharge and prepare for an exciting year ahead.

I am incredibly honored and excited to serve as Principal of Northwood Middle School. This year is especially meaningful to me as I step into this role after spending the past ten years at Northwood as a teacher, administrative assistant and assistant principal. Northwood has been my professional home, and I am

grateful for the opportunity to continue serving a school community that means so much to me.

As we welcome a new class of sixth-grade Knights and our returning seventh and eighth-grade students, I am reminded of what makes Northwood so special—our shared commitment to helping every student learn, grow, and thrive. Together, our students, staff and families create a supportive community where students are challenged academically, encouraged to get involved and inspired to reach their full potential.

Our academic programs are designed to prepare students for success in high school and beyond while supporting their unique needs during these important middle school years. Through rigorous instruction and meaningful learning experiences, we strive to help students develop the knowledge, skills and character traits outlined in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, including critical thinking, collaboration, communication and perseverance. Beyond the classroom, students can explore their interests and talents through athletics, the arts, clubs and leadership opportunities. I encourage every student to take advantage of these experiences and make the most of their time at Northwood.

Strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success. Please visit our website regularly, follow us on Facebook and Instagram and be sure to create and monitor your Parent Backpack account. Parent Backpack provides access to grades, attendance, report cards and important notifications, making it one of the best tools for staying connected to your child's school experience. If you need assistance setting up your account, our front office staff will be happy to help.

As we begin the school year, I also want to make families aware of an important change regarding grades. State legislation has eliminated the grading floor policy, meaning students will now earn grades that reflect their performance and mastery of course standards. With this change, we encourage families to monitor academic progress regularly and maintain open communication with teachers throughout the year.

Another important part of the Northwood experience is the support of our outstanding PTA. Their dedication helps provide many of the programs, events and opportunities that enrich our school community, and we welcome your involvement.

Maintaining a safe and welcoming learning environment remains our highest priority. We will continue implementing the district's ID policy, school dress code, participation with the EVOLV system, and Greenville County Schools' behavior expectations. All visitors must enter through the front office, and families are encouraged to review the student handbook available on our website.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children each day. I look forward to partnering with you as we build on Northwood's tradition of excellence and make this school year our best yet.

Sincerely,

Brook Patterson, Principal
Northwood Middle School
#KNIGHTLIFE

Back-to-School AT NORTHWOOD



STAY CONNECTED WITH PARENT BACKPACK

Monitor your child's

- ✓ Grades
- ✓ Report Cards
- ✓ Discipline Records
- ✓ Attendance



Need an account? Scan the code for setup instructions. New accounts must be verified at the front office with a government-issued ID.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFO CURRENT

To change your address, Greenville County Schools requires two proofs of residence, such as a current utility bill or a lease or home purchase contract.

To update your phone number, contact Registrar Deborah Guion at dguion@greenville.k12.sc.us or (864) 355-7013. Phone numbers can also be updated through Parent Backpack.

STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

Drop-off begins at 7:30 AM.

Students may not be dropped off before 7:30 AM.

The pick-up deadline is 4 PM.

All students must be picked up by 4 PM.

Use the front entrance carline only for drop-off and pick-up.
Do not use front or back parking lots for drop-off or pick-up.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 5	7th & 8th Grade Meet the Teacher
August 6	6th Grade Boot Camp
August 11	First Day of School
August 20	PTA Board Meeting
August 21	Dress Down Day \$2
September 7	No School <i>Labor Day</i>
September 11	Dress Down Day \$2
	After School Social
September 21	Fall Book Fair <i>Thru Sept 25</i>
September 24	PTA Board Meeting
October 9	Dress Down Day \$2
October 15	End 1st Quarter
October 16	No School <i>Teacher Pro Development</i>
October 22	PTA Board Meeting
	Q1 Report Cards
November 2	No School <i>Teacher Pro Development</i>
November 3	No School <i>Election Day</i>
November 5	Q1 Honor Roll Lunch
November 9	Christmas Knights Collection & Penny Sabotage <i>Thru Nov 13</i>
November 13	Dress Down Day \$2
November 19	PTA Board Meeting
November 20	Dress Down Day \$2
November 25	Thanksgiving Break Begins <i>Thru Nov 27</i>
December 18	Dress Down Day \$1
	Half Day of School
December 21	Winter Break Begins <i>Thru Jan 4</i>

STAY UP-TO-DATE!



Scan the code to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter for upcoming events, important dates and school announcements. It's emailed every Sunday during the school year.

6TH GRADE BOOT CAMP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

STUDENT BOOT CAMP 2-5 PM
PARENT BOOT CAMP 3:45-4:45 PM
MEET THE TEACHER 5-6 PM

STUDENT BOOT CAMP gives the kids a chance to spend time with their homeroom class learning all about Northwood – how to open lockers, asking questions and getting familiar with the school.

PARENT BOOT CAMP gives parents an opportunity to learn about middle school and ways to ensure your child has a great transition.

During **MEET THE TEACHER**, students and parents have the opportunity to meet teachers, listen to teacher presentations and walk the student's schedule.



**SCAN FOR
DETAILS &
TO REGISTER!**

7TH & 8TH GRADE MEET THE TEACHER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Pick up class schedules in the cafeteria during the times below, then explore the school, visit classrooms and meet teachers at your own pace.

LAST NAMES A-L 5-5:45 PM
LAST NAMES M-Z 5:45-6:30 PM



**Is your 7th or 8th grader
new to Northwood?**
Join us for *Northwood 101* at 4 PM,
prior to Meet the Teacher.
Scan to register!

**SCAN FOR THIS
YEAR'S SCHOOL
SUPPLY LISTS!**



7TH GRADE TDAP VACCINE

- ✓ Required by South Carolina law for rising 7th graders
- ✓ Proof of vaccination is required before students can receive their class schedule or attend school.

Questions? Call School Nurse Cindy Fry at (864) 355-7007.

DRESS CODE AT A GLANCE

Students are expected to follow the Northwood Middle School dress code. Students who are out of dress code must remain in ISS until appropriate clothing is brought to school.

Below are a few highlights. For complete details, please see the Northwood Student Agenda/Handbook under the Student tab of the school website.



Shirts must be solid white, navy or black and have collars, buttons and sleeves. A small logo on the pocket area is permitted.



Lightweight, non-hooded sweatshirts, sweaters and jackets may be worn in the classroom if they are solid white, navy or black and are worn over a regulation shirt.



Bottoms must be solid khaki, navy or black. Jeans and jean-style bottoms are not permitted. Shorts and skirts must be at least fingertip length when standing.



Appropriate shoes, sneakers or sandals are required. No flip-flops, slides, shower shoes, bedroom shoes or distracting shoes and socks are permitted.



All clothing must be free of holes, faux holes, patches, rips, tears, etc.

Life Beyond the Classroom

GET INVOLVED. TRY SOMETHING NEW!

NORTHWOOD ATHLETICS

Athletics are open to all 7th and 8th grade students. 7th and 8th grade students interested in other sports may have the opportunity to participate at their feeder high schools.

Questions? Contact Athletic Director Dr. Ryan Negoski at rnegoski@greenville.k12.sc.us or (864) 355-7012.

We're proud to offer the following sports:



Girls Volleyball | Fall



Girls & Boys Basketball | Winter



Girls & Boys Soccer | Spring



Baseball & Softball | Spring

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (SIC)

The SIC is the principal's advisory council, made up of parents and community members. **Meetings** are the 4th Thursday of each month at 12 PM.

Email Carrie Silver at silverc@uscupstate.edu to serve.

PARTNER WITH US! BECOME A NORTHWOOD SPONSOR

Support our school while putting your business in front of thousands of Northwood families!

Contact northwoodmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com for more information about our '26-'27 sponsorships.

NEED AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

Limited spots available!

The Extended Day Program (EDP) is **3:30–6 PM** on regular school days. Snacks, homework time, recreation, computer access and special activities are included.

Full-time (3+ days/week) and **part-time (1–2 days/week)** options are available.

Contact Michelle Howard at mihoward@greenville.k12.sc.us to register.



2026-2027
CALL FOR
ENTRIES!

What My
CULTURE
Means to Me

Explore
the arts
and
express
yourself!

Express Yourself
THROUGH THE ARTS

The National PTA Reflections program gives students the opportunity to showcase their creativity through original works of art. This year's theme is *What My Culture Means to Me*.

Students may enter one or more of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Literature
- Photography
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Visual Arts

Start thinking about your entry now!
More details coming soon!

Learn more and get involved! [PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/Reflections)

TOGETHER WE MAKE AN *Impact*

YOUR PTA DOLLARS AT WORK

The Northwood Middle PTA is proud to support our students, teachers and school community! Here are just a few ways we made a difference last year!



Awarded \$4,920 in mini-grants for teachers & supplied materials for classrooms



Bought new uniforms for uniform closet & school supplies for students in need



Helped with II Dress Down Days—a favorite of our NMS students!



Provided rewards for all students for Excellent School Report Card rating



Organized 2 school socials & an 8th Grade Celebration



Helped with Field Day supplies



Donated gift cards for staff prizes & provided meals for our teachers & staff



Provided inflatables, drinks & snacks for the Schools-to-Watch Bash



Coordinated Principal's Honor Roll lunches & awards for Benchmark Testing each quarter



Raised \$5,135 for our Christmas Knights program helping to purchase gifts



Supported the Scholastic Book Fair & Author spotlights to encourage literary skills



Provided shirts & supplies for 6th grade boot camp student leaders & contributed to pullovers for all staff

JOIN THE PTA FOR JUST \$7 PER FAMILY!

Join the PTA to help us keep a strong membership and have a successful school year!

Scan the code to sign up today, or for more information visit northwoodmiddleschoolpta.org.



**SCAN
TO JOIN!**

PTA BOARD MEETINGS: ALL ARE WELCOME!

Northwood PTA Board Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9 AM in the Media Center conference room. We hope you'll join us!

Mark your calendar for the 2026-2027 meeting dates:

August 20	January 28
September 24	February 25
October 22	March 18
November 19	April 22

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We'd love for each and every parent to stay up-to-date on the latest activities and volunteer when it's most convenient! There are opportunities that fit all types of schedules. We can always use lots of help!



**SCAN TO
SIGN UP!**

PTA BOARD MEMBERS

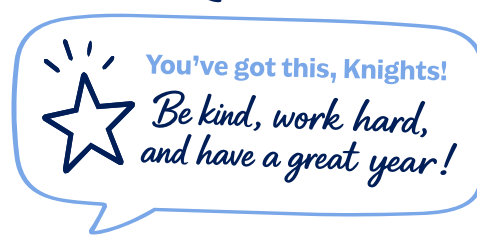
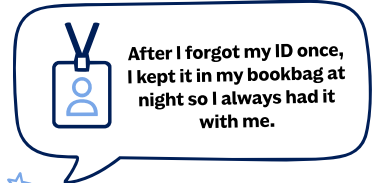
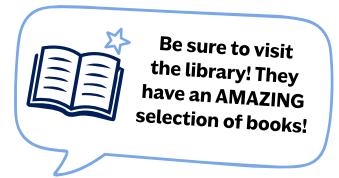
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We asked current Northwood students

"What's one piece of advice you'd give a new Knight?"



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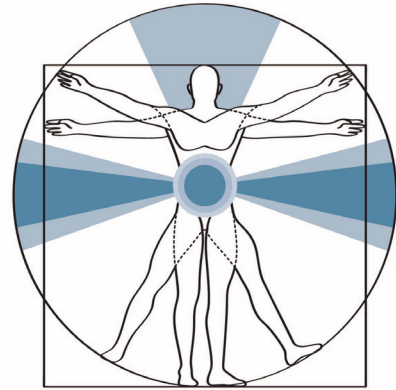
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