

Northwood Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What time does school start and when does it end?**
 - The first bell rings at 8:15 and the tardy bell rings at 8:25 each day. The bell for dismissal rings at 3:15. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:30 and must be picked up by 4:00.
- **What do students do when they get to school in the morning?**
 - All students are able to eat breakfast at no charge. Breakfast is served between 7:45 and 8:15. Students who are going to eat breakfast should go straight to the cafeteria when they arrive to school.
 - Sixth and seventh grade students will go to the gym in the morning and sit in the bleachers until they are dismissed to go to their lockers. Eighth grade students will report to the cafeteria.
 - If a student needs to see a teacher or go to the library for a purpose other than an ID, they must have a pass written in their agenda by their teacher. The library opens at 7:45.
- **How are students dismissed?**
 - Walkers and car riders are dismissed at the 3:15 bell. Students are not allowed to walk down the line of cars and are only able to get in their car outside of the gym. If they are being picked up by the road, they must walk up to the road by using the sidewalk.
 - Bus riders are dismissed as the buses arrive. They will stay in their 6th period classroom until they see their bus has arrived, as indicated by the screen on the promethean board. All bus riders will exit the school through the cafeteria.
 - No early dismissals are allowed after 2:30 pm.
- **What is the ID policy?**
 - All students and staff at Northwood are required to wear their IDs every day. Students will be given an ID and lanyard at no charge at the beginning of the school year. Sixth and seventh grade students must use the lanyard provided by Northwood. Eighth grade students are allowed to wear a lanyard of choice but will still be given a Northwood lanyard. Students must have their IDs on before they walk into school each day.
 - Students are welcome to purchase an additional ID for \$5 in the Media Center in the morning before school. If a student does not come to school with ID and does not have money to purchase a new one, they will be given a temporary sticker ID and will be required to serve lunch detention. After two lunch detentions for not having an ID, students will receive a referral and be required to serve ISS.
- **When can students go to their locker?**
 - Homeroom teachers will issue lockers to students.
 - Each grade level will have predetermined locker breaks where students are allowed to go to their locker.

- **How can parents keep track of homework, assignments and grades?**
 - Every Monday, the teachers upload their “Weekly Planner” to their classroom website. The weekly planners are a useful tool to check the classroom activities planned for the week, assessments that will be given and homework that will be assigned. Teachers will use their websites to upload notes, rubrics, and other important class information.
 - The Parent Portal allows you to see the teachers’ gradebook and attendance records for your student. If you had a log in from elementary school or previous school, you should still be able to use your account at Northwood with no problem. If you need your student’s account information, please see either the front office staff or a counselor who can print it for you.
- **What is the best way to get in touch with teachers?**
 - The easiest way to get in touch with teachers is through email. You can find the teachers’ email by going to the Northwood website and clicking on “Staff” and then selecting your student’s grade level. Each teacher has an individual phone number, but is not able to answer the phone throughout the day. Email will ensure that quickest response from your student’s teachers.
 - If you’d like to have a meeting with your student’s teachers, you can get in touch with your student’s grade level counselor who can help arrange a conference.
- **Where can students buy a PE uniform?**
 - PE uniforms will be available for purchase from the PE teachers at the beginning of each semester. The cost is \$20 for a shirt and shorts. Students are also able to purchase their own gym uniform of a plain red shirt and navy blue shorts/athletic pants.
- **What is the cell phone policy?**
 - All electronic devices are to be turned off and put in the students’ lockers from 8:25-3:15. Students are not allowed to use them during the day. If you need to get in touch with your student, you are welcome to call the front office to have a message delivered. Students are able to call a parent by using the phone in the front office, if needed.
- **When will students get their Chromebooks?**
 - At the beginning of the year, every student will be issued a Chromebook to use as their personal learning device for the year. A deposit of either \$5, \$15, or \$25 (depending on lunch status) will be required for students to be allowed to take their Chromebook home. Students are responsible for charging their Chromebook each night and bringing it to school each day. Detailed information about Chromebooks can be found by visiting the Media Center website.
- **Is a parent allowed to eat lunch with their student?**
 - Only parents and/or legal guardians are allowed to eat lunch with their student at school. Any other people (siblings, coaches, church members, etc.) are not allowed to eat with students. Parents must sign in with the front office and eat at the designated table in the cafeteria.

Students and parents are responsible for reading and understanding the student handbook. The student handbook contains detailed information pertaining to dress code, bell schedules, discipline policies and more!