



Northwestern Middle School

Home of the Wildcats

The Weekly Wildcat

From Principal Peterson

We have officially completed two weeks of school at Northwestern! Today we submitted a 10-day count of 1,258 students which is above our projection of 1,241. The good news is we will not lose or gain any staff members based on our enrollment. We did change some schedules, mostly in the 8th grade, to balance class sizes. We know these schedule changes are difficult for students, but our teachers will work closely with them to ensure they are comfortable in their new classroom.

Curriculum Night is Tuesday, August 27th from 6:00-8:00pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet each of your student's teachers and learn more about their courses. This event is intended for parents (students get the night off) to hear general information about your student's programs of study. Our PTO will also be present in the academic atrium to share information with you and to bring you onboard if you are not already a member.

Your student's schedule will be provided to you by their 1st period teacher. Your student's 1st period room number will be posted on lists throughout the entrance and academic atrium. All parents will begin the evening in their student's 1st period class. From there, you will travel your student's schedule. During the time your student has connections, please feel free to visit their current connections classroom or a future connections classroom. All Health & PE classes will meet in the gymnasium.

We understand that many of you have students in multiple grade levels and with different teachers. You may utilize your student's connections periods and the flex period to visit content teachers of multiple children. Teachers have been informed to welcome all parents in their sessions over the course of the night, so that you are able to see a variety of your student's teachers.

If your student has a 1st period online course in their schedule or travels to Milton High School 1st period, you may report to the media center to pick up your student's schedule. If your student has an off-campus online course or travels to Milton High School after first period, please visit a connections classroom of your choosing during that period.

Please see the schedule below.

Time	Period
6:00 – 6:15	1 st Period (Distribution of Georgia Milestone’s Score Reports)
6:20 – 6:30	3 rd Period
6:35 – 6:45	4 th Period
6:50 – 7:00	5 th Period
7:05 – 7:15	6 th period
7:25 – 7:30	7 th Period
7:35 – 7:45	8 th period
7:50 – 8:00	Flex Period (For parents with multiple students needing additional time with content teachers and connections teachers)

We will be distributing Georgia Milestone Score Reports at Curriculum Night during 1st period. If you cannot attend, your student will be sent home with their score report on Wednesday. We hope to see everyone on Tuesday evening!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Microsoft Surface Information: Updates Needed!

Please help your student check for necessary updates on their Surface. Many Surfaces were sent to us with updates needed which can affect the smooth performance of the device.

- Make sure the Surface is plugged in and charging. (the Surface must be at least 40% charged for updates to run)
- In the Search bar, type Updates then select “Check for Updates”
- Follow the instructions to run updates. This will involve one or more restarts. Remember that the correct way to restart the Surface is to click on the Windows icon in the bottom left corner, then choose “restart.” Do NOT just press the button on the top.

Book Club Interest Meeting

Join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 am in the Media Center. The Tome Society is a student organization with monthly conversations about newly published titles. There is a team reading bowl plus individual and partner competitions with categories involving fan art, digital production of book trailers or vlogs, or written essays and poems. There is also the TomeCon annual conference in March to meet authors and other book lovers. To see the middle school [It Book List](#) or learn about the [competitions](#), visit www.tomesociety.org and join us on September 5.

Rrroar!

NMS is continuing our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program (RRRoar). RRRoar is designed to teach students pro-social skills and to support behaviors consistent with a positive and safe learning environment. RRRoar, represents the three pillars of our program. Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible, they are the Wildcat Way!

In order to ensure the success of RRRoar, it is imperative that we recognize students for displaying positive behaviors that reflect a dedication to learning and citizenship and staff for implementing this culture changing program. NMS is seeking your assistance with donations (monetary and/or product) that can be used as part of our monthly recognitions to reward our students who display consistent positive behavior, and our staff who make the program happen each day at NMS. Donations of gift cards or items appropriate for middle-school aged students, as **well as staff**, are greatly appreciated. Three of an item allows a winner from each grade level. If you can provide names of businesses or organizations to contact for consideration of donations that would also be extremely helpful. All donations are gladly accepted. Complete the donation document and include with your donation, find the form *here*. Donations can be dropped off at the front office.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your dedication and support of our program has a direct impact on the culture at Northwestern. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, would like to know more about our RRRoar program or would like to make a donation, please feel free to contact me at danielta@fultonschools.org. Thank you for your support!

Tammy Daniel, NMS PBIS Coach



RRRoar Program Donation Form

Be Ready Be Responsible Be Respectful



Please complete for our records- verifying your donation to our program.

Donor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Description of donated item(s): _____

Value of Donation: _____

Please use my donation for:

- RRRoar Trading Post merchandise (incentive ticket exchange)
- RRRoar Monthly giveaways for students
- RRRoar Monthly giveaways for teachers/staff
- Whatever portion of the RRRoar program would benefit most from my donation

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thanks for making the Wildcat Way a reality at Northwestern Middle School!

Sports Club

Sports Club will start on September 5th and will be at 7:30 am- 8:30 am in the gym. The club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sports Club is a great way for students to come in early and be active before the school day. If you would like your student to attend, you will need to fill out the Intramural Registration and return it to Mr. Mendelson, the Physical Education teacher, before they are allowed to participate. I will have the registration forms at curriculum night in the gym for you to pick up and sign if you are interested.

From the Cafeteria

Please remember that students may not charge food in middle school. Please make sure to put money in your child's account online.

Also remember that you must re-apply each year for free and reduced meals.

Picture Day

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is Tuesday, September 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact PTO Volunteer Coordinator Laura Sayre at lsayre22@yahoo.com. Don't miss it!

Science Olympiad interest meetings for next school year will be Monday 26th at 4:05 – students only need to attend ONE meeting. Previous members planning to be part of the 2019-2020 team will need to attend one of the meetings as well.

Check out rockstroh.weebly.com for more information on Northwestern's Science Olympiad team.

Junior Beta Information

NMS JUNIOR BETA CLUB will be accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year beginning in August 2019. Deadline: Tuesday, September 3, 2019*

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS Junior Beta is open to 7th and 8th grade students meeting these requirements:

1. Minimum 88% GPA across Core and Connections classes (club sponsors verify)
2. 1's and 2's in conduct remarks each 9-week grading period
3. Complete 10 summer service hours prior to application. (Submit on proper form)***
4. Once accepted into membership: Complete 20 service hours each school semester for a total of 50 for the year. (10 summer; 20 fall; 20 spring)
5. No ISS or OSS assignments during current school year
6. Be current on membership dues (\$30- new members; \$15- returning members-paid online after acceptance letter is received.)
7. Miss no more than 2 meetings per semester-with written excuse.
8. Strive to participate in one Junior Beta Service Saturday per semester.

Applications are accepted in August of each school year from new and returning members. Applications are available in the front office or from club sponsors in room 918 and 815 beginning in early August and at Back to School Open House. Everyone submits a new application each year with the 10 summer hours – including newly inducted members.

The NMS Junior Beta Club Meetings are the third or fourth school day Tuesday of each month from 4:15 - 4:55 pm in the Media Center; possible exception occurs in due to Georgia Milestones testing, Full Release days and holidays. Accepted members are announced via first period classes early in September followed by our first club meeting on September 24, 2019; 4:15 – 4:50.

Club Co-sponsors: Mr. Myrthil and Mrs. Daniel Questions?

Contact either via e-mail. myrthil@fultonschools.org or danielta@fultonschools.org
[Junior Beta Service Hours Tally sheet](#)

Soccer Anyone?

Attention all 7th and 8th grade boys and girls.

If you are interested in trying out for Northwestern's Soccer Team you MUST see Coach Johnson or Coach Allen to receive info about tryouts. Tryouts will begin on August 26th and run until the 29th. Please have all required paperwork turned in by August 26th.

Paperwork can be found on the Fulton County Website under the Athletics tab., Document & Forms, Player Pre-Participation Forms. johnsonjt@fultonschools.org

Volleyball Tryouts

Northwestern Boys' & Girls' Volleyball Team tryouts will be held on October 7th & 8th. In order to try out for the team, students must have ALL paperwork (including a physical and insurance verification) completed and turned in by the first day of tryouts. Forms are available via Fulton County website or can be picked up from the coaches: Mrs. Jordan (Room 813) or Mr. Brock (Room 801).

From the Front Office

Pre-Approved Absences

Many of you will need students to be absent occasionally throughout the year for various reasons. If you are seeking pre-approval for absences such as travel opportunities with educational benefits, graduations or weddings of an immediate family member, specialized, supplemental or extracurricular experiences, or similar situations, please submit a request to us regarding the date(s) requested, 5 days prior to the first absence to NMSfrontdesk@fultonschools.org. Emails must be sent from the email address we have on file for the parent/guardian. This does not include absences due to sickness, bereavement, accidents, injuries, etc. Please keep in mind that student absences do impact our CCRPI Score and Climate STAR rating negatively.

Early checkouts

Students must be signed out by a parent, guardian, or someone on their emergency list, and must show a valid driver's license. Please be sure to specify the reason for checking your student out. If it is for an appointment it must specify that it is some kind of medical appointment and not a personal appointment. Students returning the same day will come into the front office and sign themselves back in and receive a pass to class. A doctor's note is not necessary for early checkouts as long as the reason on the checkout sheet specifies a medical reason.

Absence notifications

Absence notes are due within 3 days of the absence. You can either send a doctor's note, written note, or email us at NMSfrontdesk@fultonschools.org. The specific dates of absence must be on the note. For example, if your child is absent 3 days in a row and the doctor's note states they can return once they feel better or are fever free, please write the dates on the doctor's note that they were actually out sick.

Upcoming Community Events on SEL Topics:



Join us for a community screening and panel discussion.

SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Thursday, August 29th

9:00am

Mount Pisgah UMC

2850 Old Alabama Rd.

Johns Creek



Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time - friction she knew all too well.

SCREENAGERS takes a deeply personal approach into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

REGISTER NOW

North Fulton Mental Health Collaborative is open to the community.

Follow us on Facebook to learn about upcoming meetings and community events. <https://www.facebook.com/NFMHC/>

For more information about the North Fulton Mental Health Collaborative contact Whitney Emrick at 678-893-5336 or wemrick@summitcounseling.org

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Help Me Deal: TEEN ANXIETY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH 3:00-6:00 PM

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO THIS FREE EVENT

THIS EVENT IS FOR TEENS, PARENTS AND EDUCATORS

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

RICK CLARK: Georgia Tech Director of Admissions

MAUREEN DOWNEY: AJC "Get Schooled" Writer

AMY HEAD: MSW, LCSW, Life Coach | **BECKY NEECE:** Academic Dean, Rivers Academy

KELLEY SHAW: PA, Preston Ridge Pediatrics

Hosted by Congregation Dor Tamid
11165 Parsons Road, Johns Creek

RSVP by August 19 to: teenanxietyexpo@gmail.com

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