



## Northwestern Middle School

Home of the Wildcats

# The Weekly Wildcat

November 8, 2019

### PTO News

#### Veterans' Day

- In recognition of Veterans' Day, PTO will be collecting donations for the GI GO fund. GI Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that assists veterans, active-duty personnel, their family members, veteran supporters, and all members of the military community with finding employment, connecting to their benefits, and accessing housing opportunities.
- Show your support by wearing jeans, camo, or red, white and blue attire. PTO will be in the Wildcat Den Monday, 11/11 collecting donations. You can also make an online donation using your credit card via the Northwestern Middle School OSP website. See links below for more info.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/>

<https://gigo.org>

#### November PTO Meeting

- Mark your calendar, the November NMS PTO meeting will take place next week on Tuesday, 11/12 at 9:30 am in the Wildcat Den. Come to hear important updates from Mr. Peterson regarding the NMS CCRPI scores, the upcoming changes in Fulton County regarding teaching Algebra I in 8th grade, as well as a general Q&A session. We hope to see you there!

#### Volunteers Needed

- The Book Fair is coming to the NMS media center! Please consider signing up to help out, volunteers receive a 5% discount on purchases!
- Our next RRRoar trading post will take place on 11/22, we need several volunteers to help out.
- Wildcat Guardians are still rocking the carpool! Please sign up to help keep things moving in the morning or afternoon during dismissal.

All volunteer opportunities are listed on our Membership Toolkit website, follow the link below.

<https://northwesternpto.membershiptoolkit.com/story/186589>

**What the PTO did this week:**

- More spirit wear is coming soon! We are finalizing plans to offer some great options for the cooler winter weather. Follow our NMS PTO Facebook page to be the first to know once our online store is live!
- We completed the teacher wish list by purchasing items which had not been signed up for and purchased by our amazing NMS families!

Please make sure to visit <https://tinyurl.com/PtoNMS> to get all the latest PTO news.

**Business Partner Opportunities**

Do you own your own business or know someone who does? Would you like to be a Northwestern MS Business Partner? We'd love to have you join us in supporting our students and staff. Follow this link to learn more about how to be a Business Partner at NMS.

<https://northwesternpto.membershiptoolkit.com/story/195936>

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## **From Fulton County Schools**

The Fulton County School Board approved making April 21, 2020, and May 19, 2020, “[Digital Learning Days](#)” for students while maintaining them as regular work days for employees. A Digital Learning Day is an opportunity for students to engage in off-site learning instead of attending school.

Since April 21 and May 19 are state-wide election days, there is high-volume participation of the public at polling stations located in our schools, and this increases the potential for security concerns. By utilizing digital learning activities, students will be able to maintain their focus on instruction even though they are not on campus. This also allows staff the opportunity to participate in high-quality professional development to deepen their knowledge and skills.

Here is a summary of the recent calendar adjustments:

- March 13, 2020 remains a teacher workday.
- March 24, 2020 (GA Presidential primary election) will be a teacher workday.
- April 21, 2020 (state-wide election) will be a student Digital Learning Day and a teacher professional development day.
- May 19, 2020 (state-wide election) will be a student Digital Learning Day and a teacher professional development day.

## **Announcements**

### **PARENT UNIVERSITY**

Northwestern Middle School invites you to attend a Parent University on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm in the Cafeteria. This event will be held in collaboration with The Summit Counseling Center and will provide educational information related to symptoms of anxiety and depression in adolescents. Join us to learn more about ways to effectively recognize and manage these signs, symptoms, and stressors in your children. We hope to see you there!

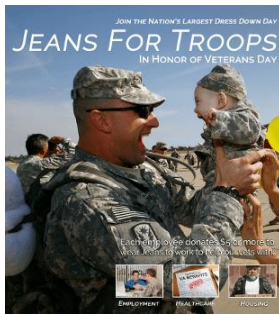
### **Picture re-takes**

To order picture retakes, go to [Cady.com/Portraits](http://Cady.com/Portraits).

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check the Lost and Found outside the cafeteria. We have lunch boxes, running shoes, water bottles, clothes, and more.

Note: 6<sup>th</sup> grade has a lost and found too.



On Veteran's Day 2019 (Monday 11/11/2019) join our nation's largest dress down day fundraiser to help our troops! Donate \$5, wear jeans and help veteran men and women across our nation seek necessary healthcare, employment and housing for themselves and their loved ones!

All donations must be made through [Online School Payments](#). Scroll down to "Jeans for Troops Fundraiser." [Click HERE for OSP instructions](#).

### **Scholastic Book Fair**



**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Media Center next week, November 11-15.** Every student will have the opportunity to come to the book fair with their ELA class. We will also be open before school and at designated times during the week. There will be lots of popular new books available for sale in the Media Center and also online on our book fair website: [scholastic.com/bf/northwesternms](http://scholastic.com/bf/northwesternms).

**Check out the website now! You can set up an e-wallet so your student can buy books without having to carry cash or a credit card. You can also get a jump on holiday shopping and buy book fair books online!**



### **Chorus News**

We are looking forward to sharing some Holiday Music with you on December 11 (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) and December 16 (8<sup>th</sup> grade). Please mark your calendars! Both concerts begin at 7pm in the gym.



[NMS Student Newspaper](#)

## RRRoar!



Would you like to help us support the recognition of POSITIVE BEHAVIOR at Northwestern? Each month the students and staff may submit their RRRoar tickets in a drawing to win fabulous prizes. We need your help with the fabulous prizes! One student from each grade level is drawn (suggested \$10-\$15 value each) and one staff member is drawn (suggested \$25+ value). Here are some of the things we're looking for:

Student prizes: \$10 gift cards for ice cream/ frozen yogurt, Target, fast food places, etc., or other items of your choice (gift cards/ baskets/ treats/ etc!!)

Teacher prizes: \$25 gift cards for restaurants, movies, spa, Target, or other items of your choice (gift cards/ baskets/ treats/ etc!!)

**Please send your donations to the front office labeled with Ms. Daniel's name** at your earliest convenience. Thank you SO much! Follow this link for more specifics:

<https://northwesternpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/55039>

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# Northwestern Middle School's



## School Governance Council

Please click the link above to find information about NMS SGC

Reach out to any council member with questions.



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### First Semester Final Exam Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 11: ELA, Reading, World Language Part 1 (if needed)

Thursday, Dec. 12: Math, Science Part 1 (if needed)

Monday, Dec. 16: ELA, Reading, World Language

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Math & Science

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Social Studies

Thursday, Dec. 19: Rrroar Celebration

Friday, Dec. 20: 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Final Exam Make-Up Day

## Clubs

### Tome Society

The next Tome Meeting is November 13 at 8:15am. We will be discussing any of the current three books: *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood, *Lights, Camera, Disaster* by Erin Dionne, *Exact Location of Home* by Kate Messner. If you have been working on a fall competition piece, please feel free to bring it to the meeting for group input or send it in advance for review.

### **Upcoming dates:**

- December 4-11 (exact date TBD): Reading Bowl Exam #2 (covering the above three books and *Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale)
- December 6: Fall Competition Submission Deadline (Please check out the [Competition Overview](#) with all the team and individual options)

## Front Office News

Students must be signed out by a parent, guardian, or someone on their emergency list, and must show a valid driver's license. Please specify the reason for checking your student out. If for an appointment, specify that it is a 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 if the checkout sheet specifies a medical reason.

**Absences:** Absence notes are due within 3 days of the absence. You can send a doctor's note, written note, or email us at [NMSfrontdesk@fultonschools.org](mailto: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, write the dates on the doctor's note that they were out sick.

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](mailto:NMSfrontdesk@fultonschools.org). 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.

**Release forms:** If you have doctors forms, or other recommendations that need to be completed by a teacher or staff member please go through [Shari Cooper](#) in the Guidance Office. You will have to sign a release before we can send the information to a third party. The release form is located on Northwestern's web site under the Registration Information Icon on the right under Registration Forms. You may bring it in to the office completed with the forms you need teachers to complete or email everything.



**Northwestern Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**  
**Washington D.C. Presidential Tour**



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Payment reminders are not sent! Mark above dates on your calendar! \$25.00 late fee added if payments are not Postmarked or paid by due dates!!  
**PAY IN FULL** during registration to avoid any late fees!

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

\*Supreme Court\*Library of Congress  
\*Smithsonian Museums, including: Scavenger Hunt at the National Air & Space Museum;  
\*Natural History Museum; \*Scavenger Hunt at the American History Museum; \*National Archives Building to view the Constitution of the US and the Declaration of Independence!\*Famous Memorials including the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, WWII, FDR, Iwo Jima, MLK and Jefferson Memorial; \*US Capitol Tour and a visit with your State Representative;\*White House grounds and Presidents Park;\*Arlington Cemetery; \*Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery; Lee's House; JKF Gravesite;\*Airforce Memorial  
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**IMPORTANT:** By registering for this trip, Parents understand Students who receive disciplinary consequences as a result of violating FCS code of Conduct may NOT be allowed to attend this trip and costs associated with the trip may be forfeited. We **HIGHLY** recommend the "Cancel for Any Reason" plan, for cancellation 72 hours or more prior to departure.

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