



Northwestern Middle School

Home of the Wildcats

The Weekly Wildcat

December 13, 2019

PTO News

Volunteers Needed

- Please make plans to attend our NMS campus clean-up workday on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 am to noon. We need equipment (chainsaws, edgers, trimmers, leaf blowers) and plenty of hands to help make this a successful day! Remember, Fulton County Schools does not maintain the landscaping, they only provide for lawn mowing. Make this your family's holiday service activity, all are welcome!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAFA82AA02-nmsservice>

- The RRRoar Celebration will take place during all grade level connections classes on Thursday, December 19. Students can spend their RRRoar tickets to see a movie, play in the gym, or spend time in the arts/crafts room, minute to win it room, or karaoke/dance room. **We need lots of volunteers to assist with this event! Please consider volunteering during your child's connections periods!** There will be multiple faculty members at each activity, we just need a few parents in certain areas to assist them as well. We also need a few donations for these events. See the link below to help us to make this a fun day for our students!!

<https://northwesternpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/59030>

- 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>

December PTO meeting

Our December meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 17, at 9:30 am in the Wildcat Den. We will have important admin updates from Mr. Peterson, as well as a presentation by the Bark for Schools app team and the NMS School Governance Council. Make plans now to attend!

What's new with the PTO this week:

- Continued support and planning of the 12/19 RRRoar celebration.
- Helped our faculty/staff through the full moon/Friday the 13th with a little treat:



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



Due to the high volume of checkouts on Holiday breaks, we will be changing the last checkout time on Friday 12/20 to 2:30 pm. This will allow our staff time to process the large number of early dismissals. If you are planning to leave early for your holiday travels, please plan to check out before 2:30pm. Thanks for your understanding!

Winter Break: December 23- January 3rd

Last checkout: Friday, December 20th is 2:30PM

Parents:

If your student is NOT returning to Northwestern 2nd semester (or any time) please contact Shari Cooper to set up a Withdrawal Appointment to return books, device and sign paperwork. Shari Cooper 470-254-8516 or coopers1@fultonschools.org



MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Please join us **Monday, December 16** for some great music to kick off your Holiday season! The 8th Grade Chorus, Orchestra, Band and Jazz Band will perform their most festive tunes. The concert starts at 7pm in the NMS Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

2019 Fall RRroar Celebration Update:

The RRroar celebration will take place during the student's connection class time on Wednesday, December 19th. Students have ranked the activities they would like to participate on that day.

Any students who have NOT turned in their 6 RRroar tickets to attend will need to do so with their 1st connection teacher no later than Monday, December 16th.

*Volunteer opportunities and donation needs for the event's activities can be found on the PTO website.

This celebration is to recognize students for exhibiting the RRroar expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Responsible. The Wildcat Way is alive and well at Northwestern!



Thursday, December 19th



RRRoar Celebration

HOME ALONE



Takes place during your connection class time.



Activity Options Include:

2-Movie Venues – Showing Home Alone or Elf



Minute to Win it Games - with prizes!

Arts and Crafts (Holiday Theme)



Escape Room



Sports Zone



Karaoke Live and Dance Party



Entrance to celebration event – 6 RRRoar Tickets;

December 6th - 10th - Select your activity choice in your first connection class. Be sure you have a device to complete the activity request form! Turn in your 6 RRRoar Tickets to your first connection teacher after completing the sign-up form.

Celebrating the **Wildcat Way** at Northwestern Middle!

Junior Beta News

The next **Junior Beta Service Saturday** is this Saturday--December 14th at 1 pm.

Lost and Found

Please pick up any lost and found items at the table outside the cafeteria. A charity will be coming to pick up remaining items on December 18!



Parents, please remember that we do go outside for recess if it is above 40 degrees so make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

YEARBOOK



8th grade baby photo and message DEADLINE SUBMISSION is February 1

Submit your Northwestern Middle School 8th Grade BABY pics for yearbook There is no charge for the baby photo pic for the yearbook.

Please download the baby pic using the Balfour app or website. -Download the Balfour Image Share App

- Create your Account
- NMS Yearbook Project # is 025612 - no password needed
- When you submit photo - make sure to put the students name
- **Or** go to images.balfour.com add project code 025612 and follow the steps to submit picture ****In addition to a baby picture you can add a graduation message for your 8th grader for just \$10**** Go to balfour.com -Click shop my school and enter Northwestern Middle School. (Make sure to select the one in Alpharetta, GA) -Select Yearbook products and Ads -Scroll to bottom and select "Shout-Out Ad Space) -Once paid for you will receive an email within 24 hours to submit a message of 200 characters or less. -The message will be included in the yearbook as written.

Questions please email: nmsyearbookmiltonga@gmail.com



[NMS Student Newspaper](#)

First Semester Final Exam Schedule

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

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Math & Science

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Social Studies

Thursday, Dec. 19: Rrrroar Celebration

Friday, Dec. 20: 1st Semester Final Exam Make-Up Day

Clubs

Rocketry Club

NMS Rocketry Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 4:10 in Mr. Wasinger's room, 702

Pickle Ball Club

NMS has a Pickle Ball Club! We will meet on Thursdays after school from 4:15 pm-5:30 pm on tennis courts and/indoors in the gym. The club will start meeting on January 8th, 2020. If your student is interested in joining, have them meet Mr. Contreras in room 402 to pick up a Pickle Ball Participation Form. For more information or questions, please contact Mr. Contreras-Murillo (murillor@fultonschools.org)

Tome Society will meet on Wednesday December 18 before school in the media center. We'll discuss the books we've read so far and have some holiday treats!

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.



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. 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. 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.

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Northwestern Middle School 8th Grade Trip
Washington D.C. Presidential Tour



May 6-9, 2020

\$435.00pp

Register TODAY!

Space is LIMITED to First Come Basis!



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 And Much, Much MORE!

Easy Online Payment Plan:

\$79.00 due Sept 15
\$79.00 due Oct 15
\$79.00 due Nov 15
\$79.00 due Dec 15
\$119.00 due Jan 15

***IMPORTANT:**

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 Includes:

*Roundtrip Deluxe Motor Coach from NMS
* Excellent Hotel Accommodations
*Hot Breakfast each morning!
*All meals in Itinerary
*All Transportation within Washington DC
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*All Taxes and Fees
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Register ONLINE in 3 Easy Steps!

Go to www.ClassActTours.com

Click on TOP BLUE BAR---- REGISTER FOR TOUR

Username--WildCats2020

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Password is CASE SENSITIVE

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.

Questions?

Email

Christie Street

Street@fultonschools.org

Cambridge Theatre

8th Grade Night

Will be re-scheduled for next semester!

We are rescheduling due to so many holiday conflicts.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Break!



Spring REC Registration



Registration for Spring Rec and Learn to Play Clinics - now open!

SPRING REC

Boys grades 2nd through 8th

- Registration is open [through midnight December 30, 2019](#)
- There are no tryouts for Rec Season
- Teams will be created evenly for a competitive season for all
- Practices will be held twice a week, starting early February through early May
- All home games will be at Bell [Memorial Park](#) on weekends starting in March
- Includes access to monthly skills clinics, led by former D1 or professional lacrosse players

REGISTRATION LINK: [TeamSnap :: Cambridge Youth Lacrosse-Boys ::](#)