



## Northwestern Middle School

Home of the Wildcats

### **The Weekly Wildcat** **December 20, 2019**

#### **PTO News**

##### **Volunteers Needed**

- Our next Pride Wall ceremony will take place on Monday, January 13. We need volunteers from 8:30-10:45. Come be a part of this celebration recognizing great work by our students during the 2<sup>nd</sup> academic quarter.
- 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's new with the PTO this week:**

- Our December meeting was wonderfully informative with engaging conversations with a Bark representative and our SGC members. Make plans now to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 in the Wildcat Den.
- We hosted the annual Faculty/Staff Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday. Our teachers enjoyed a delicious meal from Casa Nuova Italian Restaurant, selected 2 \$10 gift cards from our amazing parent donations, and were entertained by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students with holiday tunes!
- We assisted with coordination of the RRRoar winter celebration on Thursday. Ms. Daniel did a great job planning and we thank all of the parent volunteers who came by to help.
- We provided pizza and refreshments for this month's "Pizza with the AP's" on Thursday.

## **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**

### **Chorus News**

**Thanks for an awesome first semester! Happy Holidays! – Ms. Grant**

### **Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Meeting-rescheduled!**

The meeting for parents of rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be held **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Parents only please. If you can't make it, information will be available on the website Friday morning.



**8<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](https://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](mailto:nmsyearbookmiltonga@gmail.com)



[NMS Student Newspaper](#)

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:murillor@fultonschools.org))

### **Tome Society**

The next Tome Society meeting will be Wednesday, January 15 at 8:15am. We will talk about any of the final four books:

- "The Goose Girl" by Shannon Hale
- "The Legend of Greg" by Chris Rylander
- "The Memory of Forgotten Things" by Kat Zhang
- "The Only Road" by Alexandra Diaz

The final Reading Bowl Exam will be one morning during the week of February 5-12. It will cover the last three titles above.

And don't forget TomeCon, March 24, 2020 from 9 AM to 5 PM at the University of North Georgia, Gainesville campus. Early registration runs from January 9 through January 27 when student tickets are \$20 each. Adult early registration tickets are \$10, but parent volunteers are FREE! On January 28 registration goes up to \$30 until February 28 when it becomes \$40.

If you would like to take advantage of early registration, please bring your money to the next meeting. Anyone who attended our first interest meeting is welcome to attend.

For more information, including pre-ordering lunch or TomCon T-shirts please visit this link:

<http://www.tomesociety.org/tomecon.html>

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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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### 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.

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**Northwestern Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Questions?**

**Email**

**Christie Street**  
Street@fultonschools.org

**Register ONLINE in 3 Easy Steps!**

Go to [www.ClassActTours.com](http://www.ClassActTours.com)

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

Username--WildCats2020

Password---WildCats2020

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.

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\*Roundtrip Deluxe Motor Coach from NMS  
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\*Teacher Chaperones  
\*All Taxes and Fees  
\*All Admissions and Tours  
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\*Optional:  
Professional Panoramic Group Picture and Trip Insurance

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 ::](#)