



Welcome Back Update - August 2023

Our Opening Day (9/6) is just around the corner and here at North, we are getting ready to welcome our students, colleagues, and families for the 2023/2024 school year. To put it mildly, we are ecstatic and look forward to welcoming our students and families shortly.

As you prepare, please consider this Back-to-School resource for updates and important information. Please also know that our *First Day Packet* will go home with students on September 6th. This packet will include a number of required and optional pieces of information for your consideration. For now, please see the below for upcoming dates and important back-to-school information.



Important Upcoming Dates

Important Back-to-School Dates:

- 8/29 - Student Orientation (4:00pm to 7:00pm - Information Below)
- 8/29 - AVID Welcome Back Event (2:00pm in Commons)
- 8/30 - Student Orientation (4:00pm to 6:00pm - Information Below)
- 9/6 - First Day of School (all grades)
- 9/6 - First Practice Date (fall sports)
- 9/8 - First 1:35pm Dismissal (LIF Days are each Friday unless noted otherwise)

Other Fall Dates of Note:

- 9/12 - Fall Picture Day
- 9/21 - Curriculum Night (6:00pm to 7:30pm)

[2023/24 Student Calendar](#)

Please Join our North PTA!

A high functioning Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is essential to every school and at North, we are fortunate to be supported by a PTA that cares deeply for our students, staff and families. Together, our PTA works to advocate, inform, and serve as a critical part of our school community.

We would love to welcome you to our North PTA and the beginning of the year is the optimal time to join. Below is a welcome letter from our North PTA Board followed by information related to how you can join our PTA and support our Stars. Please consider as we would love to welcome you to our North PTA!

Contact the PTA:

Email us at:
northmspta@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIALS:

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2023-24 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Co-President: Tiffany Nash
Co-President: Heather Rodriguez
Vice President: Dora Watson
Secretary: Meaghan Swanson
Treasurer: Heather Reid

NMS PTA



2023-2024

TOGETHER: When you join the PTA, you join a community that boosts the learning environment of our school. Together we plan and support events & activities that enrich the lives of our North students and help build a strong school community.

EVERYONE: All adults including parents, teachers & staff, grandparents, extended family, friends & community can become PTA members at North Middle School.

ACHIEVE: North Middle School PTA organizes and/or supports the following:

- TSA
- ASB School Dance
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- Popcorn Fridays
- Teacher/Specialist Grants
- Parent Nights
- Bingo Nights

MORE: Being a PTA member provides you with a voice at the table when planning events & activities at NMS and it's a way to get connected in your school. Volunteer time isn't required to become a PTA member, but it is appreciated if you are interested!

Scan Here to Join!



Or fill out the form here and return it to the front office

.....\$10 STAFF MEMBERSHIP

.....\$10 STUDENT ONLY MEMBERSHIP

.....\$15 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (One Adult)

.....\$25 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Two Adults)

.....\$35 FAMILY + STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (Two Adults + One Student)

.....\$45 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Two Adults + Two Students)

.....I AM UNABLE TO COVER THE COST AND WOULD LIKE A SCHOLARSHIP

.....I'D LIKE TO HELP THE PTA WITH A ONE TIME DONATION OF \$.....

PARENT NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

STUDENT NAME(S) AND GRADE(S): _____

Please make checks out to NMS PTA



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Welcome Back Week - Orientation 2023!

Our Welcome Back Orientations are next week and we hope that you will join us, at your convenience, as we launch the coming year together. Orientations occur on two consecutive evenings, Tuesday, August 29th and Wednesday, August 30th. Families should plan to visit on either evening, anytime between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Please see the below details including the information/details pertaining to any student health needs and/or medication.

Orientation 2023 Details:

- Dates: Tuesday, August 29th and Wednesday, August 30th
- Times: 4:00pm to 7:00pm (visit at your convenience)
- Location: North Lobby, Commons, and Gyms
- Entrance: Please enter on either side of our school (east or west entrances).

During orientation kick-off, you will be able to...

- Tour parts of our North campus
 - Pick up a copy of your 2023/2024 class schedule
 - Learn about our North athletics program and check your clearance status (important for fall sports)
 - Meet and learn more about becoming a member of our North PTA
 - Skip the line for any payments by using our online payment system [here](#). You can pay for yearbooks, ASB cards, and athletic fees.
 - Turn in medications and health forms (including any of the below forms, as needed). Please remember that we cannot accept medications without the below, required Medication Authorization Form (below, #1).
 - Note: Student/school pictures will not be taken as part of orientation. Our fall picture day is 9/12 and student IDs and ASB cards will be updated at this time.
1. [Medication Authorization/Order Form](#): For all medications (includes prescribed and over-the-counter medications).
 2. [Epinephrine & Antihistamine Authorization Form](#): For treatment of life threatening allergies only.
 3. [Gastrostomy Tube Treatment Authorization Form](#): For gastrostomy feedings.
 4. [Diabetic Order Form](#) for injectable Insulin & [Diabetic Insulin Pump Orders](#) for insulin pumps.

Back-to-School Notes:

- **North Office Hours:** Our North Office is currently open each day, from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Beginning Tuesday, 9/5, we will shift back to our regular school year hours, opening each day at 7:30am and closing at 4:00pm.
- **Class Schedules:** Class schedules for the 2023/2024 school year will be available our welcome back orientation (8/29, 8/30). If you are new to our district, please contact our school office to ensure your child's registration. Additionally, you can click [here](#) to view

- **Bell Schedules:** Schedules for the year are available [here](#), including our recent shift to a six-period day. This schedule includes extended learning opportunities and a two-block lunch option during our fourth period (11:18am to 11:48am for our 6th graders and two concurrent, rotating lunches for our 7th and 8th graders from 12:17pm to 12:47pm. Please remember that both school breakfast and lunch are available to all of our students at no cost.
- **Supplies:** Please [click here](#) for our school supplies list. Should students have any needs in this regard, our team will work to provide accordingly.
- **Transportation Needs:** As your family prepares for the coming school year, it is important to create clear transportation plan for before and after school. We ask that each student/family clearly understands how they will be getting home each day (bus, walking, or getting a ride from an adult). Should you need help with bus/transportation information, please click [here](#) to access EPS Transportation and our district partner, Durham Transportation. Bus routes for the 2023/2024 school year will be updated across the coming weeks.
- **Before/After School:** Please remember that classes begin at 8:15am. As such, our students should not be on campus before 7:55am unless they are involved in a designated academic/arts activity. Additionally, we work to make sure that our students are either on their way home or involved in a school related activity by 3:00pm each day. If your child plans to stay on campus beyond 3:00pm, they will need to be part of a North sports team, club, ASB or have made previous arrangements with a teacher for academic help. We ask that families remain consistent in their after school plans. Should emergencies arise and changes need to be made to after school plans, notifying us by 12:00pm/noon helps ensure that this information will be clearly communicated to/with your child.
- **Accessing School Information through Home Access Center (HAC):** Are you already signed up for Home Access Center (HAC)? HAC provides access to information such as student schedules, teachers' names and emails, attendance, and transportation. If you need access, please send an email to LMS@everettsd.org with your name, student name(s), student ID#, and the school(s) they attend. LMS will respond with your login/password to the email you have on file with the school. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Immunizations:** Current immunizations are required and help ensure a successful start to the new school year. Sixth grade parents should be aware that several immunizations expire between the 5th and 6th grade years. If you haven't already, please take the time over the coming weeks to make sure your child receives any immunizations that are due so that you can provide the documentation when you register your child. It is challenging for students who are not current on their immunizations to attend school consistently. For all Health Services information, please click [here](#).
- **NorthWear.** North shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets are available for purchase through our school specific link at SpiritGearDirect.com. We will be working to add new styles and

options across the year.

Traffic Flow and Entrances/Exits - Arrival & Dismissal

Safe arrivals and dismissals are essential and we appreciate/value all of our families in helping us care for our students. As you consider drop-off/arrival and pick-up/dismissal, please review the following.

Arrival:

- Our campus/building does not open until 7:55am. We encourage families to refrain from dropping-off your children early as supervision is not available prior to 7:55am.
- As noted below, our busses arrive via our west lot and entrance. For this reason, we ask that families not utilize this lot/entrance unless parking/proceeding to the Front Office.
- Vehicle drop-off takes place heading south along Rainier, with students utilizing our east entrance. Please do not drop off heading north as this causes students to risk crossing the street during a busy time.
- All students may proceed either to the commons for breakfast or (6th graders) to the atrium and (7th/8th graders) to the covered area that is north of our main gym.
- If you need to arrive late (after 8:15am) please utilize our west lot/entrance. Students will need to acquire a pass before proceeding to class.

North Way Arrival Expectations

Starting our day in a positive and structured way prepares us to do our best learning

Safe:

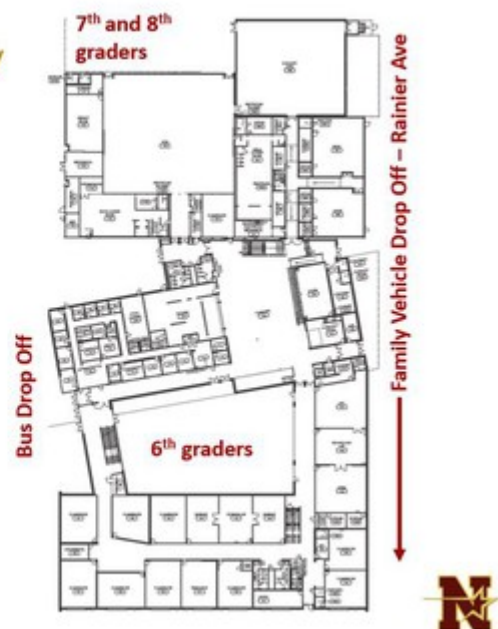
- Arrive no earlier than 7:55am
- Before 8:05am, students will need to wait in designated areas (see map) or eat breakfast in our commons

Respectful:

- Students are expected to greet others w/ respect and dignity when entering

Responsible:

- Students are expected to bring all of the materials that they will need for the day
- Students are required to turn off/put away cell phones and electronics prior to entering the building
- Classes begin at 8:15am



Dismissal:

- Similar to the morning/arrival, students riding home by bus will exit our west doors to board waiting busses at the curb.
- Students who are being picked-up or walking home will exit the east doors to Rainier Ave.

- Students who are staying on campus for athletics, clubs, tutoring, etc. will proceed to the designation location for that activity.

North Way Dismissal Expectations

End our day together and ensure the safety of ourselves and others as we travel home

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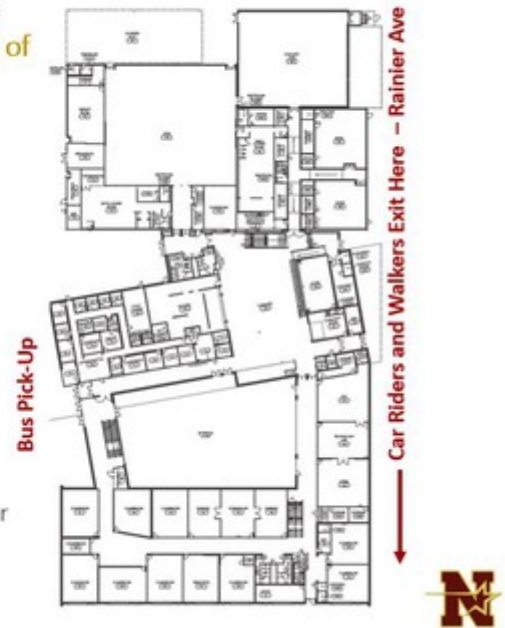
- Walking at all times, especially when using stairs
- Walk all bicycles, scooters, and skateboards off campus
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks
- Leave campus immediately at the end of the day

Respectful:

- Be aware of others, stay on the right
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Do not delay by stopping for conversation

Responsible:

- Cell phones should not be used until students are outside of our North building
- Make sure that you have a plan for how you are getting home (arranged ride, know bus route, etc.)



Hello from our North Counseling Team!

Our North Counseling Team is excited to welcome back our seventh and eighth graders, and welcome our sixth graders for the 2023/2024 school year. Our counselors are conveniently located in each of our grade hallways to provide regular student access and interaction.

As a family, please consider the attached welcome letter and communication from our North Counseling Team.



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Dress Code Reminder

We are grateful for your partnership in ensuring that our students arrive prepared and ready for the day, including wearing clothing that is appropriate for their learning and the learning of others. Our dress code expectations are specifically aligned with our Everett Public Schools,

specifically [Policy 3224](#) and the related procedure, [3224P](#). As such, our North students should be able to dress in a style and manner that positively represents themselves and others. Clothing (style and manner) that creates a material and/or substantial disruption will not be permitted. If student dress is not in compliance with the above-noted policies, they will be required to make appropriate corrections which may involve families delivering new articles of clothing that align accordingly with our school/district expectations.

Again, we thank you for your attention and partnership in this matter.

Tardy Incidents and Cell Phone Violations

As noted last month, North will be implementing the [Student Conductor](#) system for the coming year, specific to incidents of being tardy (late to class) and cell phone violations. Our Student Conductor system will help us better support students and, as needed, provide timely communication to families.

In particular, when a student is marked tardy for a class, the parent/guardian will receive an email notification informing you that your child has been tardy. We understand that students can be late for a variety of reasons and each student will receive four free tardy incidents each semester. Teachers will still be able to write a tardy pass for students who may be late to their next class due to an excused reason. This will not count toward their four warnings. If a student receives more than four unexcused tardy incidents within a defined period of time, they will receive a consequence such as lunch detention and/or Friday after-school detention. In extreme cases of excess tardies, students may receive an in-school suspension. It is our hope, each student will arrive to class on time and be prepared to learn.

Likewise, when a student violates our school/district cell phone policy, parents/guardians will again receive an email notification informing you. Students will be required to turn in their cell phone where it will be stored in a secure location until end of the day. Similar to when they are marked tardy, students will have a progressive consequence ladder including warnings, lunch detention, Friday after-school detention, etc. Please be sure to check our North [2023/24 Student Handbook](#) for more information and details.

As part of our upcoming Opening Week (9/6, 9/7, and 9/8), our students will be provided detailed information related to these new systems and processed. Additionally, you will receive ongoing updates as we implement and uphold these practices across the coming year.

Fall Athletics Reminder

Practices for our fall sports begin on our Opening Day (9/6), including cross country, football, and girls softball. Please remember that registration must be completed one week prior to our first practice or (if relevant) tryout. This means that registration via [Final Forms](#) is due by this coming Wednesday, 8/30. For additional information, please see our overview update in last month's [mid-summer update](#).

Co-Teaching at North

At North, some of our classroom learning environments utilize a collaborative instructional pairing known as "co-teaching." This approach involves two or more teachers working together to co-lead the same learning environment in the same classroom. This collaborative approach allows us to enhance student learning, especially for students who may be coming to school with increase needs.

Co-teaching only occurs within a handful of our North classrooms but continues to be a instructional practice that shows promise in helping us meet the needs of all of our learners. For additional information on co-teaching, please see the below, related documents.



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Co-enseñanza en North Middle - Español.pdf



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Updates from our Everett Public Schools

Our Everett Public Schools newsletter for the month of September is linked/attached below. This specifically crafted monthly communication is designed to connect with all of our families and provide information pertaining to all of our schools/programs. This month's newsletter includes updates pertaining to:

- School Breakfast/Lunch
- Attendance Procedures
- State Assessment Scores
- Family Assistance
- and more!



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Everett NJROTC for 8th Graders

8th graders interested in our Everett NJROTC are invited to join an orientation next at Everett High School. This Navy battalion is open for new students enrolled in EHS, JHS, CHS, and 8th grade students at North. Please see the below invitations for additional information.

Orientations Details:

Location: Everett HS B106

Date: August 28th and 29th

Time: 8:00am to 1:00pm



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Invitación de orientación de NJROTC - Español.pdf

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Thank you again for taking the time to read this Back-to-School update. We look forward to seeing you next week at orientation.

We thank you for the honor of serving your family and are grateful that you are part of our North community.

With Gratitude,
Allison, Drew, & Tyler

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