



The
Northwest
School



Letter From Head of School Mike McGill



"From the start, student learning and well-being were at the center of [our new trimester schedule] design and I'm confident that kids will soon be big fans of some of its key features." [Read more](#) about Mike's thoughts on how the new schedule will enhance student opportunities for, among other things, leadership and initiative.

Letter From Upper School Director Chance Sims



"As the Upper School Director and father of an entering 6th grader, I can't imagine a more exciting place to teach, learn, and create at this historic moment. I came to Northwest to join your efforts to be an example of what a school should be." [Read more](#) about Chance's first impressions of The Northwest School and his belief in the school's mission.

Letter From Middle School Director Sue Maul



"We need to think differently about how to be a student and a teacher in an 80-minute block of class time, but we also need to act with engagement, creativity, collaboration, environmental stewardship, and balance as the grounding goals of our work together." [Read more](#) for Sue's advice to Middle School students and parents as we start into the new year. The information provided includes the supplies list for the school year.

Biographies of Incoming Faculty

We are excited to announce the new faculty joining us this year. Click [here](#) to learn a little bit more about our new hires!

Important Parent Information Sources

There are plenty of ways to figure out what is going on at The Northwest School. Click [here](#) for a list of the best ways to keep informed about school activities and events.

Opting In to Receive Emergency Text Messages

In the event of an emergency, the school will send you alerts via phone, email, and text message. If you want to receive the text message alert, you must first OPT IN. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to sign up.

Health Information Letter

Our goal is to keep all students safe and healthy. Please click [here](#) for important information on the school's allergy policy and other health-related guidelines and resources.

Instructions for Accessing the Student/Parent Directory

The Northwest School Student/Parent Directory is available online through your [My Backpack account](#) and an app for your mobile device. For information on how to access the Student/Parent Directory, please click [here](#).

Accessing the Parent Association and Student/Parent Handbook

The Parent Association and Student/Parent Handbooks both live on My Backpack this year. To access either handbook, click [here](#).

Back-to-School Potluck Flyer

During the month of September, we like to host each grade level to a back-to-school potluck! Because there are so many people involved, we've tried to make it easier for you to decide what to bring based off your last name. Click [here](#) for more information.

Buddy Family Program Letter and Information Sheet

A critical part of The Northwest School philosophy is fostering a global perspective in our students. The Buddy Family Program offers an opportunity for domestic Northwest students and their families to establish a relationship with our international students outside the normal school day. For more information about the program, please read [this letter](#). If you would like to sign up, please fill out [this form](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at Northwest is a great way to share your personal talents with the school. Our volunteers play a vital role in the success of all of the school's programs and events. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at The Northwest School, please click [here](#).

Sign Up for Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Grandparents and special friends of our students are an important part of our community. Each spring, we invite students' grandparents and special friends to come to the school and

experience a day in the life of a Northwest student. Please click [here](#) and fill out the form so we can mail a formal invitation.

Other Important Resources

- [New Daily Schedule](#)
- [How to Review Your Account Details Online](#)
- [Faculty Contact List](#)
- [Spirit Wear Flyer](#)