



## Letter From Head of School Mike McGill

"There is much that resonates with me about [our new Strategic] Framework, but three elements are particularly compelling: its promise to put 'student experience and outcomes at the center of our efforts'; its belief in education as an idealistic commitment to something greater than (simply) solid preparation for college; and its recognition that issues of social justice, environmental stewardship, and global perspective are inextricably linked and ought to be treated as such in 21st century schools." [Read more](#) about what Mike is looking forward to in the 2018-19 school year.

## Letter From Upper School Director Chance Sims

"It is a time for both the discovery of a new idea, and a rethinking, or reimagining, of old ideas, the ideas that create the conditions of our lives. I hope this break has given you the opportunity to be disruptive, to seek and question, revise, and remake the world as you want it to be." [Read more](#) about Chance's reflections over the summer break.

## Letter From Middle School Director Sue Maul

"Empowerment requires more than individual knowledge and sense of agency. It requires knowing how to give and receive from the collective, understanding 'the deep interdependence of all things.' Community isn't just a value and commitment of Northwest's because it supports the emotional well-being of our students, it's also necessary to our flourishing and survival." [Read more](#) for Sue's advice to Middle School students and parents as we start into the new 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!

## School Supplies List

Please [click here](#) to find out what materials your student will need by the first day of school.





## 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 a letter from our school counselors, and 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 Handbooks

The Parent Association and Student/Parent Handbooks both live on My Backpack. They are revised each year to reflect changes and updates. Please be sure to read each thoroughly. To access either handbook, [click here](#).



## Back-to-school Potluck Flyer



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

## Back-to-school Upper School Parent/Guardian Meetings and College Nights

This year, instead of hosting potlucks, the Upper School will be hosting parent/guardian meetings. For dates/times of each grade level meeting, [click here](#).

## School Photo Order Forms

Yuen Lui will be at The Northwest School to take photos of students on Sept. 4-5. Prices for photo packages [can be found here](#), and you can pre-pay for your photos [here](#).

## Buddy Family Program 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. If you would like to sign up, please fill out [this form](#).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers at Northwest are a deeply valued part of our community. We recognize volunteerism as a way that many families make significant contributions to the school. We hope everyone can become involved and connect with the school and with one another.

We're eager to know which volunteer opportunities interest you. Please complete and submit [this form](#) by Sept. 17, 2018.





## 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

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

