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(Note - this is the best info we have at the time of publication, but dates do change on occasion)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 *1st Day of School *Link Crew Orientation	Sept 1 *1st Day for all students *Senior Sunrise (6 AM) *Evacuation Drill	2 * WEAR PURPLE! *School Photos (English classes) *Assembly (30 min)	3
4	5 *Labor Day *No School	6 *Periods 0-7 *Common Slide Decks	7 *1st Day of Blocks (2,4,6, Advisory) *Common Slide Decks	8 *Blocks (1,3,5,7, Advisory)	9 * WEAR PURPLE! *Periods 0-7 *Home Football Game	10
11	12 *Periods 0-7 *Breaking Down the Walls	13 *Periods 0-7 *Breaking Down the Walls	14 *Blocks (2,4,6, Advisory) *Breaking Down the Walls	15 *Blocks (1,3,5,7, Advisory) *Breaking Down the Walls	16 * WEAR PURPLE! *Periods 0-7 *Breaking Down the Walls *Home Football Game	17
18	19 *Periods 0-7 *Club Fair (lunch)	20 *Periods 0-7 *Club Fair (lunch)	21 *Blocks (2,4,6, Advisory) *Club Fair (lunch)	22 *Blocks (1,3,5,7, Advisory) *Club Fair (lunch) *Curriculum Night @ 6 PM (in person - for now)	23 * WEAR PURPLE! *Periods 0-7 *Club Fair (lunch) *Away Football vs. Bothell @ PopK	24

NEWS and INFORMATION

1. We have amazing kids at North Creek!

Here's a recap of North Creek FBLA's week in Chicago this past summer:

- Our students explored Chicago! We navigated the subway system in the wee hours of Tuesday morning (quite an adventure!). They rode rollercoasters at Six Flags Great America and ate at the Hard Rock Café. Students explored the Navy Pier and Miracle Mile, plus took in amazing views at the top of Willis Tower. Some students toured the Adler Planetarium while others worked together in an Escape Room. Other students toured colleges including the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and even Purdue University. And of course... what trip to Chicago is complete without trying Chicago style deep dish pizza!
- At the conference students attended workshops, networked with future business leaders from other states, cheered on other students from North Creek and the State of Washington, and observed competitive events to sharpen their skills for next year's conference.
- Our students cheered loudly for fellow Jaguar, **Shtiti Patnaik**, FBLA's Western Region Vice President. Sthiti is one of nine FBLA National Officers who worked tirelessly all year to make this NLC the BEST EVER. National Officers are the face of FBLA, and Sthiti led by example displaying poise, energy, and serving as a role model for all students!
- Of course, everyone came here to compete against the best in the nation (plus China and Canada)!
 - Some statistics...there were over 13,000 attendees at the conference and roughly 6% of all attendees finished in the Top 10 in their event.
 - 15 (out of 45) North Creek students placed in the Top 10 in their event; 33% of our students placing in Top 10 is quite an accomplishment. The bar is set very high for next year.
 - We have **THREE National Champions!** In Social Media Strategies, **Lalitha Chandolu, Lathika Kolli**, and **Gayathri Sunkari** took home 1st Place!!!! These are the first FBLA National Champions for North Creek and the first National Champions in the advisor's 17 year FBLA career!
 - Other winners
 - 8th Place in Mobile App Development: **Advaith Vijayakumar** and **Vishal Yalla**
 - 10th Place in Intro to Social Media Strategies: **Dhruti Vadlamudi** and **Akshaya Akkugari**
 - 8th Place in Graphic Design: **Archini Koushik** and **Smilangi Dasari**
 - 10th Place in Digital Video Production: **Sneha Birru, Inchara Chetan**, and **Lipicka Prasath**
 - 5th Place in Business Ethics: **Danielle Mascarenhas** and **Danielle Schwindt**
 - 7th Place in Computer Problem Solving: **Nikhil Vaidyanath**

Great job FBLA!

2. The September Student-Created Crossword

Each month, I'll be linking a student-created crossword puzzle for your fun and entertainment. The crosswords are all created by **Tarun Krishnamurthy** (10th grade). Here is the link for the September crossword puzzle: <https://crosswordlabs.com/view/nchs-september-crossword>

3. **First Three Days of School**

Just so we are all clear, here is information about the first three days of school:

- ★ Wednesday August 31 - 9th graders ONLY and their Link Leaders
 - School goes from 8:15 to 3:15
 - Students will participate in Link Crew Orientation activities and meet all their teachers (classes are just 10 minutes long for a meet and greet)
 - Lunch will be served
- ★ Thursday September 1 - First day of school for ALL students (9-12)
 - School goes from 8:15 to 3:15
 - We will have a Fire/Evacuation drill so we are prepared for an emergency
 - Lunch will be served
- ★ Friday September 2 - ALL students attending
 - School goes from 8:15 to 3:15
 - We will have our 1st assembly of the year
 - School photos will be taken during English classes (make sure your student looks nice as these photos will be in the Yearbook!)
 - Lunch will be served

4. **PTSA News**

PTSA newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/b710660688f3/nchs-ptsa-newsletter-2022-2023-back-to-school-16537675>

We are still seeking a President and a VP of Communication. The PTSA president is a critical role that needs to be filled so we can continue the great work of our volunteers. Please consider helping us fill this urgent need. You don't need prior experience and you can even co-chair with a friend. Please contact us at northcreekhighschoolptsa@gmail.com if you're interested.

5. **Devices for Learning**

As we are getting closer to the start of school, now is a good time to help your teen find their school-issued computer, bag and charger. Once you find them, plug them in so they get fully charged for school (I'm sure many of the batteries are dead by now).

If your student doesn't have a school-issued computer, we will get them one during the first few days of school. Also, we really do highly recommend that they use the school-issued computer and not one of their own because if there are any issues with their own personal device, we can't help them as we can't change settings, etc. on a non-school device (too much liability).

6. **The Northshore Schools Foundation**

Please see the attached flyer for the Northshore Schools Foundation and if you can, please support them as they are an incredible resource for our schools!

7. Electronics Policy 2022-23

As many of you know from your own teens, kids are very close to “addicted” to their phones. Because students are supposed to be at school to learn, we have a phone policy which we will be enforcing in all classrooms.

- All electronics (phones, earbuds, headphones, etc. off and away - phones in the spa or backpacks (not pockets), earbuds, headphones etc. zipped into the backpacks
- Electronics must stay in the classroom when students go to the bathroom (we don’t want anything with a camera in the bathrooms - right?)
- Teachers may have students use electronic devices for academic purposes (which do NOT include listening to music either in the classroom or in the halls/collab cubes)
- Students may use their electronic devices before school, during all passing times, nutrition break, advisory, lunch, and after school (to be clear: we are NOT banning cell phones)

Consequences:

- 1st Violation - Teacher warning / reminder of expectations
- 2nd Violation - Campus Supervisors will lock the device safely in the office until the end of the day
- 3rd Violation - Campus Supervisors will lock the device safely in the office until the end of the day and discipline consequence
- 4th Violation - Campus Supervisors will lock the device safely in the office until parent/guardian comes to pick it up and progressive discipline will be assigned
- 5th Violation - Student will be expected to keep device at home or check it into the office when they arrive to school

Again, we are NOT banning phones, etc. but we are saying that kids should not be on them during class time. You can help by not calling or texting your student during class!!! If there is an emergency and you need to get ahold of your child immediately, call the Main Office and we’ll get them very quickly!

8. School Lunches

School lunches are **no longer free** this year. If you need financial support for your student, please see the attached flyer (everyone needing support must reapply this year).. Also, to deposit money in your student’s lunch account, see the attached flyer about Titan Meal Accounts.

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

All schools offer breakfast and lunch. Menus are available online along with nutritional information at nsd.org/meals. Milk is included in the price of a full meal. Cartons of milk can also be purchased separately.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Parents whose income falls within guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture should apply for free or reduced-price meals. Families must reapply each year to receive benefits for the current school year. All students who qualify for free, as well as those who qualify for reduced-price meals, will receive both breakfast and lunch at no charge. Applications are

available after August 1. You can apply online or download an application at nsd.org/meals or pick up a paper application from your school or district's Food and Nutrition Services offices. To have an application mailed to you, call Food and Nutrition Services at 425.408.7657.

PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Parents may pay online with Visa or MasterCard using a secure internet site called Titan School Solutions. To set up a Titan Family Portal account for making online payments, visit family.titank12.com. There is no charge for parents to register for a Titan account; however, there is a \$2.60 convenience charge for each payment made online. Parents can also pay by cash or check (made out to Northshore School District) at the school. There is no fee for paying with cash or check. Checks should indicate "school meals" in the memo.

LOW BALANCE NOTIFICATIONS/TRACKING MEAL BALANCES

You can view your student's meal account balance and cafeteria purchases and transfer money from one sibling to another at no charge on the Titan Family Portal online or with the mobile app at family.titank12.com. Families that have registered on the Titan Family Portal will receive a low-balance notification by email when their student's account drops below \$5.00. Families can also set custom low-balance notifications through Titan. Written low balance notices may also be sent home when the balance on the meal account is low. The notice will be placed in the teacher's box to be given to the student to take home.

NEGATIVE BALANCE NOTIFICATIONS

When a student account balance reaches the equivalent of negative two lunches, automated calls will be sent out from the Food & Nutrition Services Department to ensure notification of account standings. Regardless of account standing, students will always be offered a reimbursable breakfast and lunch at school and allowed to charge on a negative balance. Charging for a la carte purchases, including milk-only, extra entrees, or non-reimbursable meals, will not be permitted if a student's balance is negative. Unpaid meal charges must be paid in full when a student graduates or moves to a new school district.

9. The NCHS/Skyview Food Bank

The Food Pantry is Back - and Empty!



North Creek PTSA & Skyview PTSA Food Pantry

North Creek PTSA and Skyview PTSA partner to create a **Food Pantry** to support Skyview and North Creek families with food security challenges. Beginning September 14, bags of food will be delivered to requesting families on alternating Wednesdays each month throughout the school year.

But, in order to do this, we need your help to stock the pantry! It's empty after the summer, so please consider donating if you can.

Here are 4 EASY ways to help:

Please NO expired food and we only accept nonperishables. Most needed items list below.

1. **Schedule a porch pickup.** Food Pantry volunteers will pick up food from your porch. Email to schedule a pickup.
2. **Shop on Amazon - List updated August 1!** Once ordered, the food will be delivered to the pantry for you, you don't have to leave your home. [Skyview/North Creek Food Pantry Wishlist](#)
3. **Drop off donations at Skyview Middle School.** There is a collection box in the main office.
4. **Make a monetary donation** (don't forget your company match, if applicable). Donations made this way will **ONLY** be used for the combined food pantry since the fund is a restricted line item in the PTSA budget. Click [here](#) to donate!

Thank you in advance for supporting our community!

Questions, contact us at nchs.sms.foodpantry@gmail.com

Most needed items:

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| ➤ Oatmeal | ➤ Chili/Canned Ravioli |
| ➤ Cereal | ➤ Soup |
| ➤ Tuna/Chicken/Spam | ➤ Canned Beans (black, pinto, garbanzo, etc.) |
| ➤ Canned Vegetables | ➤ Rice (Rice-a-Roni or 1 pound bags are best) |
| ➤ Canned Fruit | ➤ Mac N Cheese |
| ➤ Pasta | ➤ Single Serve Snacks |
| ➤ Pasta Sauce | |
| ➤ Peanut Butter | |
| ➤ Jelly/Jam | |

SENIOR CLASS OF 2023 NEWS!!!

10. Senior Sunrise

Every year, we have Senior Sunrise on the very first day of school for seniors (and we have Senior Sunset on their last day). Despite weird rumors, Senior Sunrise is 100% ON and details are below. We do hope that each and every senior chooses to attend!

- Thursday, September 1
- 6:00 AM (sunrise is at 6:27)
- [Willis Tucker Park](#)
- Bring: food (donuts, muffins, fruit, etc.) or beverages (coffee, milk, orange juice, etc.)
- Wear: warm clothes or blankets
- Weather: happens rain or shine
- Parking: go as far EAST on Puget Park Drive as possible and access parking on the EAST side of the park (and the sun rises in the east). Please see the attached PDF map that shows where we will all be and how to park as far EAST as possible.

Here is a guide for Senior sunrise food donations. There is a sign up genius linked below and a suggested guide based on last names. However, this is a very loose guide, we just want to make sure a well rounded variety of food is donated. So please feel free to bring any other items you think would be enjoyed! And feel free to repost as well!

- Last names A-K: fresh fruit, juice and other beverages
- Last names L-U: muffins, pastries, donuts, bagels/cream cheese
- Last names V-Z: plates, cups, napkins, utensils

Sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAA92EA2FFCF8-senior>