

(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 |
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| 3 | 4 *Regular 1-7 Day *Make Friends at School Week | 5 *Regular 1-7 Day | 6 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Survey Day during Jag Time | 7 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Tutorial during Jag Time *Computer Bar Code Verification! | 8 *Regular 1-7 Day | 9 |
| 10 | 11 *Regular 1-7 Day *Stand Up for Others Week | 12 *Regular 1-7 Day | 13 *PSAT Day (Altered Schedule) | 14 *Regular 1-7 Day (due to PSAT, no blocks, no tutorial) | 15 * Jag of the Month Breakfast (7 AM) *Regular 1-7 Day | 16 |
| 17 | 18 *Regular 1-7 Day *Inclusion Week | 19 *Regular 1-7 Day | 20 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Disability History Month Lesson in Advisory | 21 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Tutorial during Jag Time | 22 *Regular 1-7 Day | 23 |
| 24 | 25 *Regular 1-7 Day *Week of Conversation | 26 *Regular 1-7 Day | 27 *Block Schedule (2,4,6) *Clubs during Jag Time | 28 *Block Schedule (1,3,5,7) *Tutorial during Jag Time *SAT at NCHS *HYS for 10th/12th | 29 *Regular 1-7 Day | 30 |

NEWS and INFORMATION

1. We have amazing kids at North Creek!

Each year, more than a million students across the United States take the PSAT in hopes of qualifying for National Merit Scholarships. This year, about 34,000 students are being recognized as **National Merit Commended Scholars**. It's my great honor to congratulate the Jaguars below who are this year's Commended Scholars from North Creek High School:

- ★ Sheza Alicherry
- ★ Bryn Hawksworth
- ★ Tanya Naveen
- ★ Adya Sengupta
- ★ Hailey Surace
- ★ Sruthi Vadakuppa
- ★ Grace Zhou

September Jags of the Month

9th Grade

- ★ Izzy Crawford-Caring and Compassionate Citizen
- ★ Emma Wheeler-Servant Leader

10th Grade

- ★ Eli Deehr-Caring and Compassionate Citizen
- ★ Jonathan (JV) Vasquez-Caring and Compassionate Citizen, Servant Leader 11th Grade
- ★ Andrew Goff-Collaborative Problem Solver
- ★ Cesar Reys-Carpintero-Caring and Compassionate Citizen, Collaborative Problem Solver

12th Grade

- ★ Ben Ames-Caring and Compassionate Citizen, Servant Leader
- ★ Vusi Simango-Social Justice Activist

2. October 7 Verification of Devices

On Thursday October 7, we will verify the barcode of each school-issued device. Each student with any device (whether they are currently using it or not) MUST bring their device to school for this verification. **Please be sure your student brings their device or devcies to school on Thursday**.

If you have any devices at home that your student is not using, please, please bring those back to North Creek. They can be checked-in at the Main Office at any time!

Finally, if you are one of 60 or so families who have not yet filled out the permission form for your student to have a device, please do so today by clicking on the link below:





https://bit.ly/nsddeviceform

3. NCHS Food Pantry News

Thank you, Jaguar Community, with your help from the Homecoming Heroes food drive, PTSA food drives at football games, volunteers doing porch pick-ups, Jaguar Boosters Club hosting a food drive, drop offs in both school offices, monetary donations and Amazon Wishlist deliveries we are ready to open the North Creek/Skyview Food Pantry. It is truly amazing what we can do together.

If you would still like to help stock our pantry. Click <u>HERE</u> for ways to donate.

Request Food:

- October Food Delivery Dates: Wednesday, 10/13 & Wednesday, 10/27.
- Volunteers will deliver to your home within NCHS boundaries.



If your family would like food support, please fill out the Google Form found here on the PTSA website: <u>https://northcreekptsa.com/Page/Food%20Pantry/Request%20food</u>

Any information gathered through this form will remain confidential and only our designated North Creek/Skyview Food Pantry volunteers will have access and will not disclose the information to any third party.

If you have questions, please contact us at skyviewfoodpantry@gmail.com.

4. PSAT Testing in October

This year's PSAT will be given on Wednesday October 13. Here is what will happen all over campus on that date:

- 9th Graders: will participate in safe/physically distanced programs about Suicide Prevention, Digital Citizenship, Academic Honesty, Future Planning and will engage in a Commitment to Graduate Program
- 10th Graders: take the PSAT as good practice for the future (no registration needed - all 10th graders already registered - most students with IEPs have been exempted from testing)



 11th Graders: take the PSAT as part of the National Merit Scholarship program (no

registration needed - all 11th graders already registered - most students with IEPs have been exempted from testing)

12th Graders: will participate in safe/physically distanced programs about Senior Year, the High School and Beyond Plan, Class Rings and will engage in a Commitment to Graduate Program

5. Speeding Up Lunch Lines

Sometimes, the lunch lines are long! One way to speed this up is for your student to have their school-issued ID card with them at all times. At lunch, rather than give their name or type in their student number, all they have to do is **scan their ID card**. Fast, simple, efficient. Let's say scanning saves each student 4 seconds. That does not sound like much but if there are 100 kids in line, 4 seconds per student speeds the line up by almost 7 full minutes!

6. Matching Curriculum with Community

North Creek is piloting a process intended to make our curriculum better match our student body. Here is the question crafted by our district partners:

We, at North Creek, believe it is important for students to see themselves represented in their curriculum. We also believe our school community has a wealth of knowledge and experiences to share that can help shape an inclusive learning environment for each of our students. As a result, we would appreciate you taking the time to share if there are any literary works (novels, short texts, poems, lyrics) or authors that represent you and/or your family's cultural identity that we could consider to enhance our teaching and core curriculum in ELA?

Do you have suggestions? Please offer them below:

| <u>Survey</u> | опрос |
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| <u>Encuesta</u> | 民意调查 |
| <u>조사</u> | <u>sự khảo sát</u> |
| கணக்கெடுப்பு | <u>ਸਰਵੇਖਣ</u> |
| <u>सर्वेक्षण</u> | <u>pesquisa</u> |
| సర్వే | <u>सर्वेक्षण</u> |

7. National Bullying Prevention Month

As we were able to transition a majority of our students from distance learning this year, let's not forget that many students have not had much interaction with other students for 18

months. At North Creek, we are seeing a rise in bullying and harassment and we all need to step in and prevent as much bullying as possible.

Here is a list of anti-bullying activities that we can encourage staff and students to participate in as a school district:



Week of October 4th

MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW AT SCHOOL

- If you've ever been isolated from others at school or you were new at school and it took time to make friends, you know what it feels like to be left out. Or even if you were never isolated, imagine how it would feel.
- Be a leader. Take action and don't let anyone at school be in isolation.
- Make kindness go viral with an act of kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness.

Week of October 11th

STAND UP FOR OTHERS WEEK

- When you see someone being bullied, be brave and STAND UP for them. Bullies have been known to back off when others stand up for victims.
- If you don't feel safe, get the help of an adult immediately. Be part of the solution -- not the problem!
- It's a time to see everyone's differences and celebrate their similarities: Whether students are LGBTQIA+, African American, Asian, Muslim, AAPI, of Tribal descent, or disabled ...make friends.

Week of October 18th WEEK OF INCLUSION

- Include other students in school activities and after school activities
- At one point or another, each of us has felt insecure or stressed out, or alone. It is important to remind our friends and classmates that we are all in it together and we are there to listen and support each other.

Week of October 25th

A WEEK OF CONVERSATION

- Meet with fellow students and discuss how you can Change The Culture at your school.
- Hold a discussion in your classroom where you allow students to openly speak and discuss their experiences with bullying and cyberbullying, and how these experiences have affected them, and how they dealt with these moments.

Once again, thank you in advance for your support as together we stand up against hate, racism, and discrimination; to prevent bullying on behalf of all students.

Additional Resources:

- ► <u>Bullying Statistics</u>
- PACER's National Bullying Prevention Month Video: What is National Bullying Prevention Month?

RECURRING ITEMS (info in the links changes regularly)

1. This Week's Jaguar Booster Club Newsletter (it's here!) https://mailchi.mp/jaguarboosterclub/newsletter1-2