



Northside Preparatory Academy
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News You Can Use

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Welcome to the new Northside Preparatory Academy! Where our school motto is "Achieving and Believing." We are looking forward to a great school year the teachers are excited about all of the wonderful learning experiences your student will engage in this year. I look forward to meeting all of the families and working together to have an awesome school year! Below you will find some important information as you prepare for the start of the school year.

- The new start date for Northside Preparatory Academy is **Wednesday, September 2nd**. Daily on time attendance is very important at Northside. We want our students attending every day and on time. Students who attend school regularly are most successful in school. Students can earn incentives by maintaining "Perfect Attendance!" **Northside school hours 8:00am – 3:30pm**. Students will not be permitted into the building prior to 7:35am.
- Learning Options for the 2020-21 School Year are limited! If you have not chosen a learning option for your student, please contact the school office to discuss learning option availability by grade level.
- **Chromebook Distribution for Virtual and Hybrid students ONLY**
Grades 6-8 Wednesday, August 19th 8:00am-3:30pm (ANNEX Building)
Grades 3-5 Thursday, August 20th 8:00am-3:30pm (MAIN Building)
Grades K-2 Friday, August 21st 8:00am-3:30pm (MAIN Building)
- If you have not completed your 2020-21 school registration, please contact our school office (7:00-4:30pm) for assistance. In order to have your student's enrollment complete you must have the following documents on file: Copy of the student(s) birth certificate, proof of residence (No older than 30 days) parent photo id.
- Lunch forms were mailed to families in July. If you have not returned a completed lunch to the school, please do so as soon as possible. Families picking up Chromebooks for virtual and hybrid learners can turn forms in during pick up time. Students attending in-person classes can turn the lunch form in on the first day of school.

- Upon arrival to school, students attending in-person classes will have a daily temperature check and be assessed for COVID symptoms. Face mask are required. Face mask are available for all students who attend in-person classes. If a student is ill upon arrival to school or becomes ill while at school, the student will be placed in area away from other students and a parent will be called to come and pick up their student immediately. Failure to pick a student may result in the student being placed in the virtual learning model for the remainder of the semester.
- Check in with your child each morning for [signs of illness](#). If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, they should not come to school.
- If your student arrives late to school, they must come into the office to receive a tardy pass. We follow this process to ensure safety for all students.
- Non-staff and visitors to the building will not be allowed pass the school office in accordance with Ohio Department of Health Guidelines for schools. Face mask and social distancing are required upon entrance to the building.
- Mask wearing and social distancing guidelines will be followed daily. Students will not be allowed to share items or gather in areas of the school (cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium). All classroom desk and tables will be arranged three to six feet apart. Water bottles and/or water thermos will be permitted.
- All students are expected to be in complete uniform each day. Please make sure to follow the expected uniform/dress code as identified in the Student and Parent Handbook.

Uniform/Dress Code

- Polo shirt long or short sleeve: Gray, green, orange or white
- Black, navy, or khaki skirts, skorts, jumpers, or slacks (no cargo style pants). NO COLORED DENIM may be worn. Skirts, skorts and jumpers must be knee length. No floor length dresses. Uniform shorts may be worn during the months of April through September only. Uniform shorts are black, navy or khaki and must be knee length.
- Dress shoes or plain white or black tennis shoes may be worn- no moccasins, sandals, or boots. Shoes must be closed-toed. No high heels.
- Socks and tights must be worn at all times.
- Students may not wear “yoga” pants or tights as pants even on dress down days.
- Studs for earrings (one per ear) and wristwatches are permitted; otherwise no other jewelry (including body piercing jewelry) of any kind is permitted.
- Students may not come to school with unusual “fad” haircuts or unnatural hair coloring. No designs may be cut into the hair. Natural haircuts are accepted style. All hairstyles must be neat and clean.
- Tennis shoes may be worn on gym days only.

- Additional uniform expectations and dress code will be identified within the Student and Parent Handbook. School administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year. The school administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with such changes.
- Afternoon transportation changes must be called into the office before 2:45 pm. Parents are also welcome to write a note to the homeroom teacher indicating any transportation changes. Failure to report a change will result in the student being sent home by his/her regular mode of transportation.
- Emergency contact should always be kept current with the school office and classroom teacher. Changes in contact information should be reported to the school office. If you have not completed a Change of Information form or other required school forms, please be sure to contact the school office to request forms.

Parents we ask that you help and support your student through the school year by:

- Talking to them about the importance of practicing social distancing and wearing their face mask to help keep everyone safe.
- Review and practice proper [hand washing techniques](#) at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a face mask. [Make hand washing fun](#) and explain to your child why it's important.
- Talk to your student about his/her school day.
- Work with the teacher and school to ensure your student's academic success.
- Keep the lines of two-way communication open.
- Ensure your student attends school daily and on time.
- Attend school meetings and workshops, your student benefits when you attend! Active and frequent parent participation increase children's academic success in school. Make sure to attend parent meetings, parent workshops, and other events that take place in the school community once it is safe to do so! **Face mask and social distancing guidelines apply.**

Our Mission at Northside Preparatory Academy: To motivate, prepare, and advance students in a safe and engaging learning environment.

Yolanda Clark
Principal
Northside Preparatory Academy

School Vision: Northside Preparatory Academy students will be set on a path to college readiness and beyond; while making positive contributions to our community and society.