



Northwest Junior High Parent Newsletter--August 2011; Issue 1, Vol. 39

New On-line Parent Access for 2011

Other changes include PE Uniforms, on-line registration and upgrades to our main gym.

Welcome to all students and parents to the 2011-12 school year at Northwest Junior High School. The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, but it can be especially so for the 50% of our students who are new to Northwest.

Unlike elementary or even high school, the junior high experience only lasts for two years. For this reason, we like to get students fully engaged in academics and school activities as soon as possible. This newsletter will help you and your son or daughter dive right into junior high.

Powerschool Accounts. Last spring, all parents at NW were sent information regarding how to set up a Powerschool account. If you haven't yet set up your account, look for the bright pink page included in this mailing. This page contains directions for setting up your account and your individual Powerschool Access ID and Access Password. Part of the registration process this year

involves parents updating their contact and emergency information on-line. **Parents who have completed this prior to school registration on August 12 will have a much easier time getting through all of the registration stations.** If you are having problems accessing your account, please call the school between 8:00 and 3:00 for assistance.

Registration. One of the best ways to start off the year is by attending registration on Friday, August 12. Registration is a time for students to get a first look at their class schedule and locker assignment. It is also a time for parents to pay fees and update their contact and emergency information with the school. During registration, students can also purchase an activity ticket, PE clothing and add money to their lunch account. Students can also sign up for fall sports and hand

in their signed physical forms and permission to practice forms.

Facility Upgrades. The major project at NW this summer involved the complete re-finishing of the main gym. The gym has been completely resanded and repainted with a new 3-point line and practice volleyball

courts. You will also notice that a substantial portion of the sidewalk was also replaced this summer. This will allow us to install benches for students to use while waiting for the bus.

PE Clothing. We are happy to offer shirts and shorts for PE class for only \$15 for the set. Although not required, the PE clothes (available to students at registration) meet the guidelines required by our PE department. The shorts and shirt contain the school's logo and a place for the student to write his/her name on the them as required by our PE department.



Please take time to read through this newsletter as it highlights many of our school policies and procedures which are relevant to the start of school. Students will receive a complete handbook during orientation; the new 2011-12 version of our student handbook is available for downloading from our website. It is particularly helpful for all families to look closely at the student dress code, as it is often a point of contention at the beginning of school. Any questions about school policies or procedures will be addressed at our parent orientation meeting on August 16th at 5:30 p.m.

I wish everyone a pleasant conclusion to the summer, and I thank all parents for the trust you have shown in allowing your child to attend Northwest. On behalf of the staff, we look forward to working with you this school year.

Gregg Shoultz, Principal

Principal's Report

Dates To Remember

August 10--Mouthguard Fitting

August 11--Advanced Math Testing

August 12--Registration
7th grade 8:00-10:00
8th grade 10:30-12:30

August 16--Orientations
New Student 1:30-3:00
Parents 5:30-6:30

August 18--First Day of Classes

For a complete calendar information go on-line to the NW Homepage (www.iccsd.k12.ia.us/schools/nw/) and click on the Calendar link. All of the school activities, music, sports, conferences, etc., are kept up-to-date using free Google calendars.

before school begins...

Registration for Fall 2011

On Friday, August 12th students report to the library to pay fees and pick up their schedules and locker assignments. There is also time to walk around the school and get used to the building at their own pace. Prior to registration on August 12, parents should update their contact and emergency information (see page one for information on Powerschool accounts).

7th grade from 8:00 am—10:00 am

8th grade from 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Counselors will be available to discuss any schedule problems.

Registration will not be considered complete until the emergency information is submitted and fees are paid. **Please note: School portraits will not be taken at registration this year.**

Fees

Fees are for instructional supplies used in courses. Additional fees may be assessed for special optional projects, items or activities. If you wish, or are uncertain of the amount needed, feel free to send a signed check, made out to Northwest Jr. High, and our parent volunteers will fill in the correct amount. **You must have separate checks for school fees and lunch accounts.** Fees for 2011-12 are as follows:

General School Fee \$45.00 (required)

World Language Fee \$15.00 (if enrolled in Spanish, French or German)

PE Clothing: \$15.00 (Optional, includes shirt and shorts for PE classes)

P.S.T.O. Dues: \$10.00 (Optional)

Jr. High Athletic Pass: \$25.00 (Optional, allows entry to all home HS Athletic events)

Instrument Rental: \$45.00 or \$25.00 (percussion)

Registration Volunteers Needed!

Due to the compacted time frame for registration, we are in need of about 40 parents to assist at registration on August 12th. Parents assisting at registration will be asked to come to NW on August 11th at 10:00 am for a brief training and to register their own students. Please call the school at 688-1060 if you would like to serve in this capacity. Our Northwest students and teachers appreciate parents who are a large part of the Northwest family.

School Portraits

School portraits are scheduled during school on Friday, August 19th. Students will receive NW school IDs on Monday, August 22. If you wish to buy pictures and a yearbook, bring the picture package envelope previously mailed with a check for the correct amount made out to Halvorsen Photography by August 19. All students must have their picture taken whether or not they choose to buy a picture package as the pictures are used in the yearbook and for student ID cards.

7th Grade Student Orientation

We are also pleased to offer an orientation session for all 7th grade students on Tuesday, August 16th from 1:30-3:00 pm. At this session, we hope to ease the transition between 6th and 7th grade by offering students another chance to find their classes, open their lockers and receive some good information for success in junior high. Students should report to the main gym by 1:30 and they will be dismissed to their homeroom for the remainder of the orientation.

Parent Orientation Night

Orientation night for parents of all new students is on Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm in the NW theater.

Math Testing

Advanced placement testing will be administered on August 11 at 1:00 pm for students who be-

lieve they have mastered the curriculum for the course for which they are currently registered. A high standard on the placement test must be met in order to skip a math class. It is recommended that students consult with their previous math teacher to see if it is reasonable to consider advancing and to discuss the pros and cons of doing so. Please contact your son's or daughter's current math teacher if you have questions about the testing.

ELL

Language assessments are required for non-native English speakers who are **new** to the District. The English Language Intake and Assessment Center (ELIAC) will be closed over the summer. On Wednesday, August 10th from 9am to noon, there will be a group assessment, followed by a math test, for incoming junior high students (grades 7 and 8), English assessments for grades K-6 are available by appointment. The Intake Center is located in a temporary behind NWJH. If you have any questions, please call 319-688-1320 and leave a message.

when school begins...

Supplies for the First Day

Supply lists are provided in this newsletter for various classes but students are not advised to load up on supplies for specific classes prior to the first day. Students need only come to the first day of school with orientation materials, a notebook and pen or pencils. Students will not need PE clothes, band or orchestra instruments until after the first day of school. On the first day of school, students will receive additional information about needs specific to their courses.

Dress Code

The major responsibility for appropriate dress and grooming rests with the students and their parents. An individual's appearance and dress can greatly influence that individual's self-image and behavior as well as that of others. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a way that is not offensive or distracting to students and/or faculty.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school and all related activities (including parties, sports events, music events, etc.)

We recognize that attire acceptable outside the school setting may not be considered appropriate in schools. Students may not wear or display at school or school activities attire which is deemed disruptive of the school environment or unreasonably infringes on others' rights to health, safety, welfare or property. If clothing is

deemed disruptive or unreasonably infringes on others' rights, the offending student will be required to correct the situation. Depending on the situation, the student may also suffer consequences.

The following list includes examples of clothing which is considered disruptive or clothing which unreasonably infringes on others' rights to health, safety, welfare or property, and is **NOT ALLOWED**:

- Masks, hoods, hats or sunglasses

Northwest students may not wear hats in the building unless medical or religious reasons exist which have been approved by administrators prior to wearing the hat. Disruptions to the learning environment caused by students behaviors related to hats warrants this position (stealing hats, throwing hats in the hallways and classes, knocking hats off, etc.)

- Bare midriiffs, chests, or torsos
- Back-less or strapless attire
- Thin T-shirts worn over colored undergarments
- Pants, slacks, or shorts worn below the hips
- Clothing or accessories that
 - promote the use of alcohol or drugs
 - include profane or offensive language or pictures
 - include sexually inappropriate or racially biased material or references

When a commercial line of apparel is judged to have such a high proportion of unacceptable imprints that a case by case review of each item would disrupt the orderly activity of the school, then a complete ban of the line of apparel will be made.

Students **ARE REQUIRED** to wear shoes or sandals at all times during school.

If there are medical or religious reasons to make an exception to these rules, the parents must request an exception. Such an exception must be approved by the administrators before the student can wear attire which is an exception to these rules. Heelis (tennis shoes with wheels) are not permitted.

Back-To-School Night

Back-To-School-Night is Wednesday, August 31st from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Parents and guardians attend classes, meet teachers, and receive information about their child's courses. Please mark your calendar now so you can join us!

Directory Information

The Parent, Student, Teacher Organization (PSTO) will again produce a student directory. **If you do not wish to have this information made available, you must notify the school in writing by Friday, August 26th.** Directories will be available at Back-To-School Night on August 31.

News You Can Use

Telephone Use

Students are not permitted to use cellular phones at any time between 8:00 am and 3:15 p.m. Cell phones must be shut off during this time period. Northwest will not be responsible for lost or stolen phones.

From time to time, it may be necessary for a student to contact a parent during the school day. During school hours, students need to obtain permission from the office prior to using either a school phone, a pay phone or their own cellular phone.

Students will not be called from class for telephone messages unless it is an emergency. Students will be called to the office between classes for messages from parents/guardians.

Electronic Recording

Students must obtain permission to take photographs or record audio or video during instructional time. Students are not allowed to share, by electronic or other means, photographs, audio or video of school activities which take place during normal school hours without prior consent of the school administration. This includes activities during passing time, lunch and normal school activities just before and directly after school. Public performances and athletic events are not included in this policy.

Backpacks

Students may use backpacks to transport items to and from school, but all bags and backpacks must be stored and kept in the student's locker. No bags or backpacks will be allowed in the classrooms or lunchrooms.

Female students will be allowed to carry small purses, no larger than approximately 6 inches square, to carry personal care items.

School Supplies

We suggest that you wait to purchase school supplies until after individual teachers have informed students about specific school materials needs. Students should bring a pencil and notebook paper to school on the first day. A general material list is included in this mailing for your information in the event that you want to make some preliminary purchases.

Health Issues

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Iowa City Community School System that whenever a student should have a prescription medication administered by personnel at school, written authorization and instruction must be provided by a parent or legal guardian. Only medication prescribed by a physician will be administered. The following information is to be clearly labeled on the bottle by the pharmacy.

1. Name of medicine
2. Dosage
3. Student's name
4. Physician's name

For long term medicine, do not send more than one month's supply. The school principal will authorize a staff member to administer the medication. If your doctor requests aspirin or other non-prescription medications to be given during school, please have your physician write the name of the drug, and dosage required for all non-prescription medications given at school.

Parent requests for non-prescription medications to be given at school cannot be accepted unless accompanied by a doctor's written order.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students are required to wear special clothing for physical education classes. We feel that the following requirements allow for greatest ease of movement, and for safety (no buckles, belt loops, etc. to catch or snag on equipment) and are designed specifically for PE class. We ask that students not wear their regular school clothing to PE due to the extra wear and tear on the clothing as well as for

personal hygiene reasons. Students are encouraged to write their name on all pieces of clothing for easy identification. **Sets of PE clothes will be for sale in at student registration and in the main office for the first week of school. The price is \$15 and includes a t-shirt and shorts.**

The following clothing is required for PE class:

1. A regular T-SHIRT, long or short sleeved. Regular T-shirts do not have buttons, zippers, etc., and are not turtlenecks.
2. Regular GYM SHORTS with an elastic or drawstring waist. No zippers, belts, belt loops, or buttons, etc. Spandex may be worn under the gym shorts.
3. SOCKS
4. TENNIS SHOES with shoe laces or velcro closers. No other type will be permitted for activity on the gym floor. Shoes should be the type of tennis shoe that will be comfortable when running.
5. Sweat pants and sweat shirts are recommended for cooler outdoor weather.
6. Swimming suits (one piece suits for girls).
7. Students must provide their own PE towel. Towels are needed when students swim and when activities require showering after participation.

T-SHIRT MUST HAVE THE OWNER'S LAST NAME DISPLAYED PERMANENTLY ON THE BACK WHERE IT MAY BE EASILY READ. ONE INCH LETTERS WORK WELL. MASKING TAPE IS NOT CONSIDERED PERMANENT.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE STUDENT'S NAME BE PLACED ON ALL CLOTHING ARTICLES.

CLEAN "LOANER" CLOTHING MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PE STAFF FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER CLOTHING OR WHO FORGET THEIR PE CLOTHES. WE ALSO HAVE A VERY LIMITED SUPPLY OF TENNIS SHOES AVAILABLE.

Attendance Procedures

Mandates outlined by the No Child Left Behind legislation has prompted a few changes to the way we handle student absences in the Iowa City School District. Under this new legislation, schools are now required to demonstrate a 95% attendance rate. In order to help parents better support this goal, the following procedures will be used when considering whether an absence is excused or unexcused:

1. Evidence that the student is not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school or an educational program. The district may request the parent or guardian to obtain a written statement from a physician or licensed practitioner as proof of the physical or mental condition of the student. Such excuse shall be made in writing, shall state the period of time for which it is valid, and shall not exceed 30 days. Medical, dental, chiropractic, optometric or other valid professional appointments. Parents or guardians are requested to make their appointments during non-school hours.
2. A death in the immediate family or funerals for close relatives.
3. Religious holidays.
4. Family trips that can be taken only during the normal school term. The intent of this statement is to provide opportunity for students to accompany their parent(s)/ guardian on a vacation, which cannot be scheduled when school is not in session. A parent/ guardian shall be required to notify the school attendance officer prior to leaving on vacation of the pending absence for the purpose of reviewing the student's attendance record and overall performance record. Student vacations or trips without parent/guardian accompaniment are not excused absences.
5. A court appearance or other legal procedure which requires the attendance of the student.
6. A quarantine as imposed by a public health officer.
7. Attendance at special events of educational value as approved by the school attendance officer.
8. Approved school activities during class time. Special circumstances that show good cause which the school attendance officer approves in advance.

All About School Meal Accounts

Junior high students have the same school dining number they had in elementary school. All school meal balances carry over to the 2011-12 school year. Any negative balance must be paid in full during registration. Students new to the district will be assigned a unique five (5) digit identification number in August. This number is entered when students make deposits or purchases. Students must memorize their School Dining number. ID numbers should not be shared in the event another student uses the number and makes purchases on the account. Students have the same School Dining ID number as long as they are enrolled in the district. All students, regardless of payment status, can deposit money in their account for purchasing meals, milk only, and a la carte items (a la carte available at City, West, North Central, Northwest, and South East). Students qualifying for free meals need money in their accounts to buy milk or a la carte items. No charging is allowed for students in grades 7 - 12, therefore students and families need to check account balances. Families are encouraged to use either a check or money order made out to: Northwest Jr. High Food Service when making deposits or pay on line. Change is not given back when deposits or purchases are made into School Dining accounts. Transactions are made by verifying the student name appearing on the screen for that account number so there is never any identification of students by paying status.

There is a web site, <http://fs-pos.iccsd.k12.ia.us> where families can make deposits, check account balances, look at purchase history, and sign up for email notifications regarding a student's account. The district does not have family accounts; so each student has a separate account. Therefore, when logging into this site, an ID and password is needed for each student. Families not

Physicals Needed to Participate in Sports

This is a friendly reminder from the Healthy Kids Community Care School-Based Health Clinic: be sure to schedule your son/daughter's sports physical this summer! If your student wants to participate in a sport during the upcoming school year, they must have a current physical and permission to practice form on file at your school. If your child does not have health insurance or access to affordable healthcare, call Martha at the School Clinic to schedule an appointment at (319) 631-3204.

already using this feature can contact Jackie Andresen at andresen.jackie@iccsd.k12.ia.us to receive log-in information. There is also a link to the site, under the school meals and nutrition heading on the district's home page at www.iccsd.k12.ia.us. The food service office can also be contacted with questions at 688-1021. Once a user name and password are entered, the name of the child linked to this information will appear under the tab "your reports".

Online Payments are Easy and Convenient! Families can make online payments from home or work, 24/7 using either VISA or Mas-

terCard credit or debit card.

Web store payments are immediately posted to your student's School Dining account.

To make online payments:

- Visit the district website www.iccsd.k12.ia.us or <http://iowa-city.revtrak.net> Log-in ID and password are needed.
- On the district website select Menus & Nutrition link
- Under Important Links for Parents, select Lunch Account Program, or select "On Line Payments", bottom left of district home page. This accesses the web store where payments can be made
- Please Note: When making online payments, only MasterCard and VISA (credit and debit cards) are accepted. Credit card payments cannot be made at school.
- Finally, a \$2.00 fee will be applied at checkout for the convenience of making your online payment.

Families new to the district wanting to apply for free and/or reduced price school meals must complete an Iowa Eligibility Application before school starts when registering for school. Students are charged full price for school meals until an application is received and processed. Families who received benefits from the Iowa City Community School District during 2010-11 school year must re-apply for benefits for the 2011-12 school year by Thursday, September 29, 2011. After the 29th, students with no application on file are charged full price for school meals. vapplication is received and processed. Families who received benefits from the Iowa City Community School District during 2010-11 school year must re-apply for benefits for the 2011-12 school year by Thursday, September 29, 2011. After the 29th, students with no application on file are charged full price for school meals.

From the ICCSD Food Services Department
Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, Director

Doing Lunch at Northwest

Lunch is a social time for students, yet it can be stressful at first. NW has two lunch shifts and two cafeterias. Students eat lunch according to the printed class schedule and it will either take place just before 5th period or just after 5th period. Students are dismissed to lunch by the school bell and they are free to eat in either the main cafeteria or the Multipurpose Room (MPR). The following information is designed to help all students enjoy a more relaxed atmosphere.

Lunch Procedures

All students are required to eat lunch at school. The only exception to this is an occasional written request from a parent stating that the student may leave school at lunch time for a special reason. A contact with the parent will be made to confirm the time to leave the building.

All meals at school must be eaten in one of the cafeterias and all students are expected to respect the directives of the staff members in charge of the cafeterias. Failure to do so will result in a sanction which may include, but not be limited to, removal from cafeteria for a period of time as determined by the administrator. Students may be asked to bring their own lunch from home and be assigned an area other than the cafeteria to eat when they behave inappropriately during lunch.

Cafeteria Guidelines:

1. Students should go directly to the table of their choosing. Students may be given an assigned seat as a result of inappropriate lunch-room behavior.
2. Once all students in the lunch shift have been properly seated, a cafeteria supervisor will dismiss tables when an orderly appearance for the given table is present. Only eight students are permitted to sit at the round tables. Only sixteen students are allowed to sit at the long, rectangular tables, eight students to a side.
3. Students will follow the proper traffic pattern when lining up for the school lunch. Students should stay out of the cashier's lane when proceeding towards the lunch lines. Students will stay to the right of the cashiers in the cafeteria when entering the food distributing area. No jackets or bags are allowed in the serving area. After entering their School Dining number, students must state their name for the cashier.
4. Appropriate behavior is expected of all students. Food throwing will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.
5. Excessive noise or disturbances are not permitted in the cafeteria. Other classes are in session during all lunch shifts.
6. Students are not to enter or leave the cafeteria or MPR without a pass after a lunch period has started.

7. Students will be expected to clean up any paper or food on, under, or near their table.
8. Students are not allowed to use the vending machines at any point during the lunch period.
9. Students may sign out to use the restroom during lunch. Limits will be established for the number of students given permission to go to the restroom at the same time.
10. Additional guidelines will be detailed by supervisors at the beginning of the year and reviewed as necessary.

Health Clinic Comes to Northwest

Beginning in 2011-12, the school based health clinic will be coming to Northwest Junior High. Once a week, health professionals will staff a clinic at Northwest. The clinic will primarily serve junior high and elementary students who do not have access to health care. In prior years, the clinic was only located at West High and South East Junior High.

The school-based health clinic is supported by federal grant. Clinic is held on Thursdays at West High School, Tuesdays at South East Jr. High and beginning in August, the clinic will be held at Northwest Junior High School on Wednesdays. The Clinic provides well child visits, sick visits and immunizations, as well as referrals for dental and vision care if your child does not have health insurance or access to affordable healthcare. For more information, click on the Health Services link on the school district's website (www.iccsd.k12.ia.us) or call Martha at (319) 631-3204.

Academic Teams Continue at Northwest

The school will continue to be organized into 4 teams, each consisting of approximately 150 students. Assignments to teams are done randomly, and all students work with a common core group of teachers who share a common planning time. In 7th grade, the core group of team teachers consists of a social studies teacher, a science teacher, a language arts teacher, a literacy teacher, a special education teacher and a counselor. In 8th grade, the core teachers are science, social studies, language arts, special education, and a school counselor. In keeping with the school mascot, the Viking, the team names are adopted from figures in Norse mythology—Team Loki and Team Vor for 7th grade and Team Thor and Team Odin for 8th grade. Students receive their team assignments during registration on August 12th. In addition, students are assigned to a counselor; Michelle Sadler works with students whose last names begin with the letters A-Q, and Jacob Adams works with students whose last names begin with R-Z.

Parental Involvement

We would like parents to feel welcome in becoming involved with the Northwest Junior High educational program. We have several activities throughout the school year that allow parents to become involved with the students of Northwest (see form on page 12). Our Parent Teacher Student Organization (PSTO) meets once a month.

The PSTO meeting times and dates are determined by the PSTO officers. The PSTO organizes several committees which work on providing special activities for the students and staff.

Parents are encouraged to attend school parties. Student Congress organizes and sponsors the Northwest all-school parties. They often look for parents to help chaperone.

It is our hope that parents will feel comfortable and willing to participate in the PSTO committee work. Visit our school at any time (please stop at the office when arriving). A good time to meet other interested parents is to attend the monthly PSTO meetings.

Openings at Northwest

Every year we have late openings to fill and this year is no different. Check the ICCSD website for up-to-date information on paid openings at NW. Contact NW directly if you would like to fill one of the volunteer positions.

Paid Positions:

- 2 Cross Country Coaches
- Lego League Club Sponsor (meets weekly until January)

Volunteer Positions:

- After-School Student Mentoring (usually after school on Wednesdays)
- Concession Stand Supervisors (student volunteers do the work and the adult volunteer supervises)
- Athletic Event Support (run the scoreboard, keep books, hold the chains etc.)

COMMUNICATING WITH NORTHWEST JR. HIGH

The main telephone number for Northwest is 688-1060. During office hours, you can be connected to all other departments from this number. After hours, you may leave a message by calling the attendance line, which is 688-1061.

Knowing where to direct questions, suggestions and concerns is important. Remember, school personnel want to do a good job and want to cooperate with parents. Present your questions or concerns in a positive manner in the spirit of cooperation so that problems can be handled in a mutually satisfactory manner.

Who to call for questions or concerns involving:

Attendance.....Attendance secretary

Payment of fees.....Financial secretary

Schedules, schedule changes, registration, planning a future course of study, and general student evaluation or to request a conference with your child's teacher, personal and academic counseling.....Counselors

Specific situations involving procedures, instructional goals, discipline or evaluation within an individual class or activity.....Teacher or Coach

General information about time schedules for events, Practices, etc.....Receptionist

General discipline situation either outside the classroom (study hall, lunch, bus, etc.) or more severe classroom problems that are not being handled to the mutual satisfaction of teacher/student/parent.
Student Activities procedures or policies.....Assistant Principal

General concerns in regard to curriculum; implementation of policies of the Board of Education; teacher evaluation or any situation not resolved satisfactorily through the above personnel.....Principal

Lockers

Lockers with combination locks are provided to students for the express purpose of storing coats, boots, books, and other school supplies. The students shall be responsible for the contents and for the care of the locker.

The lockers are the property of the Iowa City Community School District. General locker inspections may be conducted in accordance with State law. Searches by school authorities may be conducted when it is believed the student is concealing evidence in violation of school policy or regulation when there is reasonable and articulable suspicion and the search is reasonably related to the basis for the search.

Students may be charged for locker damages incurred to lockers during the time that they are assigned to a locker.

Students are not to divulge their combination to other students or share lockers. Students are not allowed to place personal padlocks on the lockers or purposely jam them open. Students should never leave money or valuables in their locker. If it is absolutely necessary to bring valuables to school, such items should be checked in at the office for security and picked up when needed. The school district does not insure nor accept responsibility for items lost or stolen from student lockers.

Combinations for physical education lockers will be issued during P.E. classes. Students must at all times secure their belongings and discourage others from "borrowing" their possessions.

School Hours

Classes begin each day promptly at 8:10 am. The school day ends no earlier than 3:20 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. On Thursday and other designated early release days, school does not end before 2:20 p.m. **Students have limited access to the building prior to 7:45 am. Students are to leave the building by 3:30 p.m.** unless they are meeting with a teacher or are involved in a supervised after-school activity. On Thursday, students must be out of the building by 2:30 p.m.

Bell Schedule 2011-12				
Period	Regular/MTWF		Thursday/Early Release	
Hall/Locker	7:45	8:06	7:45	8:06
Homeroom/Channel 1	8:10	8:29	8:10	8:30
1	8:29	9:13	8:34	9:10
2	9:17	10:01	9:14	9:50
3	10:05	10:49	9:54	10:30
4	10:53	11:37	10:34	11:10
Lunch 1	11:37	12:07	11:10	11:40
5L1	12:11	12:55	11:44	12:20
5L2	11:41	12:25	11:14	11:50
Lunch 2	12:25	12:55	11:50	12:20
6	12:59	1:43	12:24	1:00
7	1:47	2:31	1:04	1:40
8	2:35	3:20	1:44	2:20

Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Iowa City Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, disability, or socioeconomic status in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices.

If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, please contact the Equity Director, Ross Wilburn, at 509 S. Dubuque Street, 319-688-1000.

2011-12 Northwest Jr. High 7th Grade - School Supply List

Students should have with them at all times

- an assignment notebook (provided by school)
- a pen & pencils
- lined notebook paper
- erasers
- an individual quiet time activity such as: a book, magazine, or crossword puzzle book for times when you may finish your work early.
- 512 MG Flash drive

Suggested Supply Lists for Specific Classes

Language Arts

- three-ring binder (at least 1")
- colored pencils or narrow markers
- Brightly colored pen for checking work
- library book
- 2 x 2 sticky notes
- Highlighter marker
- Composition Notebook
- 512 MG Flash drive

ELL

- native-language/English, English/native-language dictionary
- Notebook
- Folders
- Pencils & erasers

Global Studies

- 2-pocket folder or notebook
- colored pencils
- 3 packages of 3 x 5 index cards

Math

- spiral notebook & lined paper (loose leaf papers)
- pencils , protractor, & ruler
- Calculator - TI-30X IIS (recommended) three-ring binder & folder

Personal Development

- 2-pocket folder
- notebook

Foreign Language

- notebook (Spanish)
- 3-ring binder (At least 1 ½ inch w/lined paper)
- Colored pencils (all languages)
- 10 dividers for binder (German)
- 2 pocket folders (Spanish)
- 2 Dry erase markers (French & Spanish)
- Loose leaf paper, narrow lined preferred
- Highlighter (German)
- Composition notebook (German)
- Green pen (German)

- 3 packs of 3 x 5 notecards (Spanish)
- Single hole punch
- No dictionaries needed

Literacy 7

- pen/pencil & highlighter
- reading book
- Two pocket folder
- Composition notebook to use as journal
- 2 x 2 Sticky notes
- Three ring binder (at least 1")
- 5 dividers for binder

Foundations of Science

- 3-ring binder (paper, plastic or hard bound)
- loose leaf paper
- Composition notebook
- 3-ring binder (paper, plastic or hard bound)
- colored pencils or narrow markers
- pencils, scissors & highlighters
- 12 inch ruler (metric & English)
- calculators (may use math calculator)
- 3 x 5 index cards

Physical Education

- T-shirt with last name on back, shorts, tennis shoes, swim suit (one piece for girls). Sweat pants and sweat shirts may be worn. The P.E. clothing is to be separate from what is worn to school.
- Swimming goggles

General Music

- 3 ring binder (1 inch) with 4 binder dividers

Band

- All percussionists in the band program will be required to have a stick/mallet bag which includes:
1 pair of 5B or Vic firth general snare drum sticks,
1 pair of tympani mallets, 1 pair of hard rubber xylophone mallets, 1 pair of yarn mallets
- woodwinds - reeds
- brass - oil, slide lube

Family & Consumer Science 7

- 2 pocket folder

Typing

- 2 pocket folder

Practical Arts

- 6 – 2 pocket folders
- 3-ring binder
- Calculator - TI-30X IIS (recommended)

Art

- pencils and large eraser
- 2-pocket folders
- 9x12 sketchbook

2011-12 Northwest Jr. High 8th Grade - School Supply List

Students should have with them at all times an assignment notebook (provided by school)

- a pen & pencils
- lined notebook paper
- erasers
- an individual quiet time activity such as: a book, magazine, or crossword puzzle book for times when you may finish your work early.
- 512 MG Flash drive

Suggested Supply Lists for Specific Classes

Language Arts

- three-ring binder (at least 1")
- colored pencils or narrow markers
- pen and pencil
- lined notebook paper (not spiral)
- library book
- 2 x 3 sticky notes
- Highlighter marker
- Composition notebook

ELL

- native-language/English, English/native-language dictionary
- Notebook
- Folders
- Pencils & erasers

American Studies

- 2-pocket folder and notebook
- 1 binder
- highlighter

Math

- spiral notebook and loose leaf lined paper
- pencil , protractor, & ruler
- Calculator - TI-30X IIS (recommended)
- three-ring binder
- Personal Development
- pocket folder
- notebook

Foreign Language

- notebook (Spanish)
- 3-ring binder (At least 1 ½ inch w/lined paper)
- Colored pencils (all languages)
- 10 dividers for binder (German)
- 2 pocket folders (Spanish)
- 2 Dry erase markers (French & Spanish)
- Loose leaf paper, narrow lined preferred
- Highlighter (German)
- Composition notebook (German)

- Green pen (German)
- 3 packs of 3 x 5 notecards (Spanish)
- Single hole punch
- No dictionaries needed

Reading

- pen
- free reading book
- loose leaf paper
- binder (folder)
- spiral notebook

Foundations of Science

- 3-ring binder (paper, plastic or hard bound)
- loose leaf paper
- spiral notebook
- colored pencils or narrow markers
- pencils
- 12 inch ruler (metric & English)
- calculator (may use math calculator)
- scissors
- 3 x 5 notecards

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Practical Arts

- 6 – 2 pocket folders
- 3 –ring binder
- Calculator - TI-30X IIS (recommended)
- Pens, pencils
- Loose leaf paper
- Success Center
- 2 pocket folders

Other Electives

- Generally recommend a 2 pocket folders
- Individual courses may also suggest other items as needed

2011-2012 Northwest Junior High Parent Volunteer Sign UP



Your time spent volunteering is an investment in your child's future.

Please indicate the ways you might be able to help. Return this form to the Northwest Junior High school office. Thank you!

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____ a.m. p.m.

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Student's name: _____ Grade (Aug.2011): 7 8

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- Student Registration Day:** Assist 7th & 8th grade orientation/registration/photos, in August, morning or afternoon.
- Student Directory:** Help sell student directory at Back to School Night in early September.
- School and Classroom Activities:** Volunteers will be notified as needed.
 - Science Helpers: No science experience required.**
 - Field Trip Chaperones:** 7th Grade: _____ 8th Grade: _____
 - Science Olympiad:** 4-5 hours to grade tests during school day in the spring.
 - Special Projects:** Schedule and duties vary.
- Magazine Sales: October, 2011.** This is our ONLY fundraiser of the year! Help is needed before school day begins, and during the morning.

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation: Provide refreshments or help serve for various events during school year.

- Provide Food Help Serve Donation. Please attach donation check payable to NWJH PSTO.

School Photos/Yearbook:

- Assist staff to create yearbook: As needed.
- Picture Retake Day: 2-3 hours in fall.
- Group Picture Day: 3-4 hours in late fall.
- Dance and Activities Committee: Plan activities for school parties/dances.
- Dance and Activities Chaperone: Assist during school parties/dances.
- Newsletter Assembly: Assist with preparing newsletter for mailing several times during the year.

Musical Group Helpers: Assist teachers with concerts and special events.

- Band** **Chorus** **Orchestra** **Music Classes**

- Other areas of interest or expertise that may be helpful to NWJH staff or PSTO, please list:

Join the Northwest PSTO!

(Parent Student Teacher Organization)

Support Northwest Junior High
Academics and Activities

PSTO donations helped fund the following in 2010-11

- School Parties/Dances
- Parent Hospitality (Teacher Conferences Nights)
- Viking Trust Fund (At-Risk Programming)
- DPO (Districtwide Parents Association) Annual Dues
- DPO Scholarship Honoree Donations

Help the Northwest Junior High Students and Teachers this year!

Your PSTO donations impact many projects and activities through the year. Please send your donation to the NWJH Office using the enclosed envelope \$10.00 donation per family suggested but ANY amount welcome!

Please make check payable to: Northwest PSTO

2011-2012 PSTO Officers

Questions? Contact any of us!

President	Richard Tiegs	337-6667
President Elect	Kathi Anderson	341-3640
Treasurer	Theresa Weeks	337-9666
Secretary	Alane Tranel	337-4482
DPO Representative	Patti Benson	337-6429
Volunteer Coordinator	Lesanne Fliehler	321-2914

PSTO Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at Northwest Junior High from noon to 1:00 pm.

Use the other side to sign up to volunteer



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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ASBESTOS
TO: Parent/Guardian

In accordance with federal regulations regarding asbestos in schools, a certified inspection of the Iowa City Community School District was conducted in October 1988. All asbestos found in the district has been identified as to the type, amount and location. This information and recommended response action is contained in the district's AHERA Management Plan which is available for review in each building and the Physical Plant Office.

A requirement of the federal regulations is to inform district employees and building occupants or their legal guardians once each year as to the inspection, the response action taken, re-inspections and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress. Certified re-inspections are required every three years. Several re-inspections were completed earlier this year, and others are in progress. Six month surveillance was completed for all schools, and will be repeated as required.

The Iowa City Community School District has an asbestos removal team that has been trained and certified by an Environmental Protection Agency accredited program. This district team has been equipped to perform emergency response action to remove asbestos material should it become damaged. Building custodians and physical plant staff have attended a 2 hour awareness training session outlining what action to take in the event of an asbestos accident.

Abatement work has been performed this year at Lucas, Kirkwood, Mann, Twain, and City High schools, among others, and further abatement work is planned. All work is performed by State Certified workers and conforms to AHERA regulations.

The district is aware of the health hazards of asbestos and is taking all measures to conform to the federal regulations.