

Transition Day Letter to Families

Dear Class of 2030 Students and Families,

Welcome to Northwest High School and the Class of 2030! We are excited to welcome our newest Jaguars for **9th Grade Transition Day on Monday, August 24, 2026.**

Transition Day gives our newest 9th graders an opportunity to experience a traditional day at Northwest before the full school year begins. Students will follow their schedules, meet teachers and classmates, learn their way around the building, and experience the many programs, opportunities, and traditions that make Northwest great.

Starting the Day

Students will begin the morning with a brief welcome assembly in the auditorium. We will officially welcome the Class of 2030, introduce students to Northwest, and provide everything they need to get started before transitioning into their school-day schedule with a homeroom.

Time	Activity
7:45-8:00	Arrival & Welcome to Auditorium
8:00-8:45	Freshman Assembly
8:51 - 9:10	Homeroom/Transition Group
9:16 - 11:35	Periods 1-4 Period 1: 9:16 - 9:46 Period 2: 9:52 - 10:22 Period 3: 10:28 - 10:58 Period 4: 11:04 - 11:35
11:35 - 12:15	Lunch (40 minutes)
12:21 - 2:03	Periods 5-7 Period 5: 12:21 - 12:51 Period 6: 12:57 - 1:27 Period 7: 1:33 - 2:03
2:09 - 2:25	Closing Homeroom Advisory & Reflection
2:25-2:30	Dismissal

What Students Should Bring

Students should come prepared just as they would for a regular school day.

During Transition Day, students will receive their MCPS-issued Chromebook through their English class and learn important information about using and caring for their device.

Personal Mobile Device Expectations

Students will also learn about the [MCPS Away All Day Personal Mobile Device \(PMD\) policy](#). Personal mobile devices, including but not limited to cell phones, are expected to be away and not in use throughout the instructional school day, including transition and lunch. We will review these expectations during Transition Day so that all students are prepared for a successful start to the year.

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Our goal is for every student to leave Transition Day feeling more comfortable, confident, and excited about becoming a Northwest Jaguar.

We cannot wait to welcome the Class of 2030 to Northwest on **August 24!**

Please reach out to Mr. Gordon, Assistant Principal, at [Jonathon M Gordon@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Jonathon_M_Gordon@mcpsmd.org) with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Northwest High School Staff