



Northwest High School

Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting

January 22, 2026





Meeting Outcomes

By the end of the evening, we will have:

- Met members of the Northwest High School leadership team,
- Learned about our outstanding academic programs,
- Received information about MCPS high school graduation requirements,
- Acquired information about registering for 9th grade courses,
- Obtained information about course offerings in selected academic departments.



Go to the [Northwest Web Page](#) for links to documents and resources from tonight's meeting!

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NWHS Administrative Team



Mr. Scott Smith
Principal



NWHS Administrative Team



**Ms. Danielle
Abdelsalam
Assistant Principal**



**Ms. Tara-Dee Henry
Assistant Principal**



**Ms. Lori Knight
School Business
Administrator**



**Mr. Jake Lee
Assistant Principal**



NWHS Administrative Team



Ms. Nikki Morales
Assistant
Principal



Mr. KeShawn Taylor
Assistant Principal



Ms. Jody Tyler
Athletics Specialist



Northwest Mission & Vision

Mission: The Northwest community creates a stimulating and culturally responsive environment, with equity at the core, where students feel comfortable and secure. We provide challenging and diverse course offerings and activities in an environment where stakeholders work collaboratively, encourage inquiry and believe in all students' success.

Vision: The staff, parents, and community of Northwest High School will provide a safe, nurturing learning environment, with equity at the core, where kindness, mutual respect, and academic excellence are expected and achieved. We will prepare students who are committed to lifelong learning so that as graduates they become successful, contributing members of society.



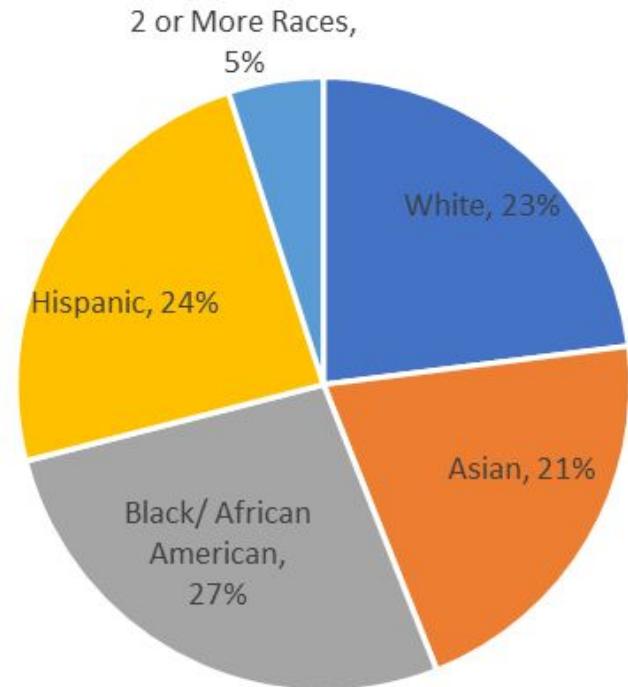
Jag Pride!

- >95% graduation rate in 2024
- 2025 graduates received over 1,000 admission offers to 228 different colleges, universities, and career programs
- 26 different Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- 53 NWHS students graduated with a high school diploma AND an associate's degree from Montgomery College in 2025!



Jag Pride!

2,100+ Students
from
60 Different
Countries





Jag Pride!

**12 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE
2015**

Marching Band – 2017

Girls' Outdoor Track – 2018

*Volleyball – 2015, 2016, 2017,
2018*

*Boys' Outdoor Track – 2017,
2018, 2019*

*Boys' Indoor Track – 2017,
2018, 2019*

Soccer - State Finalist - 2021

Baseball – 2017

Football State Finalists - 2019



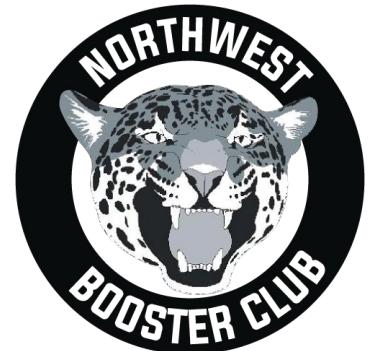
NWHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB

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Ms. Kim Summers:
PTSA President
Ms. Jenn Ripkin:
Booster Club President



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The Basics of Northwest High School





NWHS Counseling Department



Ms. Kelly Cooper
Resource Counselor

Last Names Beginning With:	Counselor
A-Ben	Ms. Bunting
Beo-Dai	Ms. McCarthy-Redd
Daj-Gira	Ms. Kravitz
Girb-Jon	Ms. Blanco
Joo-Mam	Ms. Cois
Man-Nz	Mr. Freeman
O-Pet	Ms. Cooper
Peu-Scip	Ms. Tanenbaum
Sciq-Vos	Ms. Kim
Vot-Z	TBD



Grades & Credits

- Students take 7 classes each semester.
- Each class is worth $\frac{1}{2}$ credit, and a student must pass the class (with a grade of D or better) to receive the credit.
- A student will earn 7 credits each year (3.5 credits per semester) if they passes all of their classes.
- Students must earn at least 22 credits to earn a high school diploma.



Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students receive a GPA each quarter, as well as a cumulative GPA.
- A student's cumulative GPA is calculated using all high school final semester grades.
- Students will have weighted and unweighted GPAs.
- Weighted GPAs include additional GPA points for earning an A, B, or C in honors and AP classes.



Calculating a Student's GPA

Calculating **unweighted** GPA:

For each class:

- Multiply each A by 4
- Multiply each B by 3
- Multiply each C by 2
- Multiply each D by 1
- Multiply each E by 0

Divide the sum by the number of classes.

Calculating **weighted** GPA:

For each Honors/AP class:

- Multiply each A by 5
- Multiply each B by 4
- Multiply each C by 3
- Multiply each D by 1
- Multiply each E by 0

Divide the sum by the number of classes.



Graduation Requirements: Class of 2030

- ❑ 22 Credits
- ❑ 75 Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours
- ❑ Maryland Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)



Graduation Requirements

22 Total Credits

- 4 Credits of English
- 3 Credits of NGSS Science
(1 Biology, 1 Physical Science, 1 Earth/Space integrated course required)
- 4 Credits of Math (1 Algebra and 1 Geometry required)
MSDE requires students to take math every year of high school
- 3 Credits of Social Studies
(US History, NSL Government, and Modern World History required)



Graduation Requirements

22 Total Credits

- 1 Credit of Fine Art
- 1 Credit of Physical Education
- 1 Credit of Technology Education
- 1 Credit of Health
- 2 Credits of Electives
- Program Completer Requirement Options:
 - 1) 2 Credits in the same World Language
 - 2) Completion of a Career & Technical Program



Graduation Requirements

75 Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours

Information about how to earn SSL hours can be found at
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>

Maryland Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)

- Algebra 1
- English 10
- Life Science-Biology*
- NSL Government *

*The grade earned on the MCA will account for 20% of the final grade in the related course.



Student Registration

NWHS counselors will visit with our feeder middle school students to explain our programs, classes, and registration.

- Lakelands Park MS – Wednesday, January 21st
- Roberto Clemente MS – Tuesday, January 20th
- Kingsview MS – Thursday, January 29th

Students will complete a yellow registration card.



Student Registration

Go to the Courses/ Registration Quick Link on the NW website for registration help materials including:

- Registration presentations
- Recommended Course List
- StudentVUE instructions and helpful videos

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Registration Forms

- Students will be given a yellow registration card when counselors visit middle schools.
- Students select 7 classes for each semester (14 total classes).
- Students select 3 Alternative Electives or “backups” for PE, Art, Technology or other electives.

DUE DATE: _____		NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION CLASS OF 2030	
ID Number	123456	Last Name	Jaguar
Student Cell Phone	XXX-XXX-XXXX	First Name	Johnny
Parent/Guardian Name	Jane Jaguar	Cell Phone	XXX-XXX-XXXX

You can use this worksheet to choose your course selections for next year. All students must be scheduled for 7 periods. Be sure to choose a class for each period of the day. [Login to StudentVue to see your course recommendations](#). Enter those courses and other courses of interest into the boxes below. Utilize the Course Offerings on the back of this sheet for your grade level to see course offerings and course codes. A sample completed worksheet is posted on the Northwest website under courses/registration.

Class of 2030 Graduation Requirements		
English (4 credits)	Technology (1 credit)	Electives (2 Elective)
Math (4 Credits, Math is a required course all 4 years)	Fine Art (1 credit)	Program Completer (2 credits of the same World Language or State Approved POS)
Social Studies (3 credits)	Physical Education (1 credit)	
Science (3 NGSS credits)	Health (1 credit)	

PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR SELECTED COURSES IN THE SPACES BELOW

Semester 1	Semester 2
English/Hon English 9 or the appropriate ELD course Hon English 9A	English/Hon English 9B or the appropriate ELD course Hon English 9B
Math/Algebra 1 or Next in sequence Algebra 1A	Math/Algebra 1B or Next in sequence Algebra 1B
Science (Hon Biology A) Hon Biology A	Science (Hon Biology B) Hon Biology B
Social Studies (Hon US History A or AP Gov't A) Hon US History A	Social Studies (Hon US History B or AP Gov't B) Hon US History B
World Language/Elective Spanish 1A	World Language/Elective Spanish 1B
<i>Elective*</i> Chorus	<i>Elective*</i> Chorus
<i>Elective*</i> Yoga	<i>Elective*</i> Net Sports

*We suggest prioritizing basic graduation requirements for your elective periods (Physical Education, Art, or Technology).

In case of potential scheduling conflicts, please list three (3) alternate electives, in priority order:

Alternative Electives: Course Number & Title	
1st Choice	Digital Art
2nd Choice	Soccer
3rd Choice	Guitar 1

We understand that these course selections are used to determine staffing and may not be changed at a later date. We also understand that if conflicts arise, or if courses are unavailable, the courses listed above as “Alternate Electives” will be used to create a complete schedule.

Parent/Guardian Signature: Jasmine Jaguar Date: 1/12/26 Student Signature: Johnny Jaguar Date: 1/12/26



Registration Forms

- Common 9th Grade course selections:
 - Honors English 9
 - Algebra 1 or Next in sequence Math course
 - Honors Biology
 - Honors US History or AP Gov't
 - World Language
 - (2) Art, PE, or Technology Graduation Requirements
- Students in special programs, such as English Language Development, Special Education, or Northwest Academies may be recommended or need other classes.

DUE DATE:	
ID Number: <u>123456</u>	Last Name: <u>Januar</u>
Student Cell Phone: <u>XXX-XXX-XXXX</u>	
Parent/Guardian Name: <u>Jane Jaguar</u>	
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Registration Forms

- Recommendations made by middle school teachers are listed in StudentVUE.
- If you would like for your child to be enrolled in a course that has not been recommended, **please speak with their current middle school counselor.**
- Please make appropriate choices for classes and complete the student registration card by the due date for your middle school.



Breakout Sessions

- You will have an opportunity to learn about academic departments and special programs following this general meeting.
- Please review the list of Breakout Sessions on the back of your handout.
- Student ambassadors will be available for directions to classrooms



Thank you!

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See you next school year!