



Northwest High School

Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting

January 25, 2024





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, and
- 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



Ms. Ericka Singleton
Assistant Principal



Ms. Jody Tyler
Athletics Specialist



NWHS Counseling Department



Ms. Sue Bunting
Acting Resource Counselor

Last Names Beginning With:	Counselor
A-Biss	Mr. Flach
Bist-Dau	Ms. McCarthy-Redd
Dav-Gh	Ms. Kravitz
Gi-Jay	Ms. Blanco
Jaz-Lop	Ms. Cois (Sub: Ms. Leber)
Loq-Mun	Mr. Freeman
Muo-Ov	Ms. Bunting
Ow-Ros	Ms. Kakoullis
Rot-Thai	Ms. Kim
Thaj-Z	Ms. Saah



NWHS PTSA & BOOSTER CLUB

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
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Ms. Kim Summers
PTSA President
Booster Club President



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NW NEEDS YOU!

PTSA Board & Committee Positions

- ***President:** Presides over meetings, oversees events and fundraising, works with principal, PTSA officers, and chairpeople to ensure the PTSA mission is upheld and served
- **1st Vice President-Fundraising:** Assists the president with all duties, fills in when the president is unavailable; oversees fundraising event chairpeople
- **2nd Vice President-Volunteers:** Assists the president with all duties, fills in when the president is unavailable; oversees volunteers
- ***Treasurer:** Responsible for maintaining the financial records of the club, writing checks, reconciling bank, Paypal, and Square statements, filing & maintaining tax documents
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Produces the weekly newsletters and other correspondence as needed for both the PTSA and Booster Club; Content manager for the PTSA and Booster Club website
- ***Recording Secretary:** Takes notes/minutes from all meetings and maintains club records
- **MCCPTA Delegates (2):** Liaison between MCCPTA and NWHS PTSA
- **After Prom Party Chairperson:** Leads the After Prom committee, which includes event planning and management and fundraising
- **Dining Events Chairperson:** Schedules monthly dining events to fundraise for the PTSA
- **PTA Reflections Chairperson:** Leads the National PTA Reflections Arts Program at Northwest
- **Staff Appreciation Chairperson:** Leads the Staff Appreciation Committee which hosts staff appreciation events throughout the year
- **Membership Chairperson (shared with Booster Club):** Responsible for maintaining membership records for both the PTSA and Booster Club
- **Nominations Chairperson (shared with Booster Club):** Leads the Nominations Committee for the PTSA and Booster Club
- **Scholarship Chairperson (shared with Booster Club):** Leads the Scholarship Committee for the PTSA and the Booster Club

Booster Club Board & Committee Positions

- ***President:** Presides over meetings, oversees events and fundraising, works with principal, athletic director, Booster Club officers, and chairpeople to ensure the Booster Club mission is upheld and served
- **Vice President:** Assists the president with all duties, fills in when the president is unavailable
- ***Treasurer:** Responsible for maintaining the financial records of the club, writing checks, reconciling bank, Paypal, and Square statements, filing & maintaining tax documents
- ***Secretary:** Takes notes/minutes from all meetings and maintains club records; communicates/share newsletter/website items with PTSA Corresponding Secretary
- **Extracurricular Activities Liaison:** Handles the club requests and disbursements
- **Representative - Academics:** Serves as a liaison between academic clubs/programs and the Booster Club
- **Representative - Arts:** Serves as a liaison between arts clubs/programs and the Booster Club
- **Representative - Athletics:** Serves as a liaison between athletics and the Booster Club
- ***Concessions Chairperson:** Leads concessions committee to stock and staff the concessions stands for fall, winter and spring sports seasons as well as two drama productions in fall and spring
- **Silent Auction Chairperson:** Leads silent auction committee, includes procurement of items, event management, and item fulfillment
- **Spirit Gear Chairperson:** Leads spirit wear committee to choose, produce, inventory, stock, and sell spirit wear items; staff spirit wear sales at Summer Sale, BTSN, Meet the Coaches (Fall, Winter, Spring), Incoming 9th Grade Parent Night, Fall Sports Preview Night, Fall football games, Friday lunches, and other events as needed
- **5K and Health Fair Chairperson:** Leads 5K committee, includes event management, designing/approving run course, procuring sponsors and vendors, and food trucks, ordering t-shirts, bibs, and prizes, assembling race packets, working with Montgomery County police to secure permits, communicating with local HOAs, and managing volunteers

Club cannot conduct business without these positions. **Highlighted positions represent open positions for the 2024-2025 school year.*



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 2023
- ◎ 2023 graduates received over 1,000 admission offers to 228 different colleges, universities, and career programs
- ◎ 26 different Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- ◎ 55 NWHS students graduated with a high school diploma AND an associate's degree from Montgomery College in 2023!



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

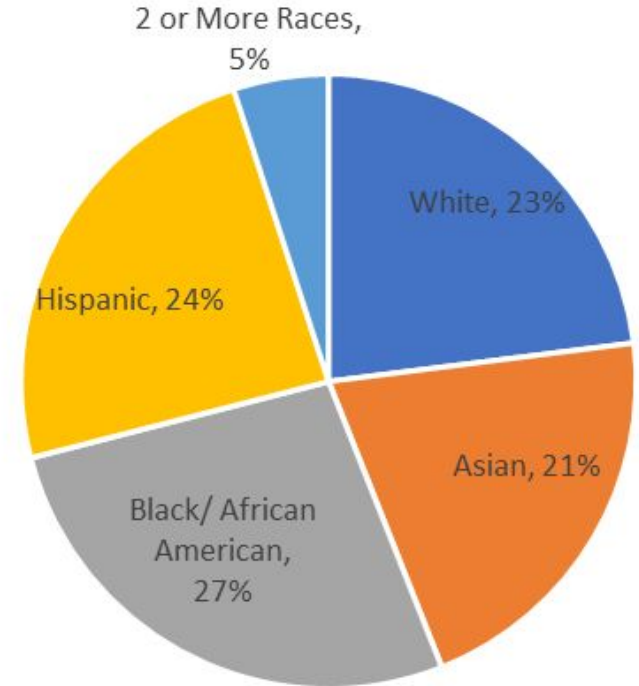
Baseball – 2017

Football State Finalists - 2019



Jag Pride!

2,400+ Students
from
60 Different
Countries



The Basics of Northwest High School





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 2028

- ❑ 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.

- Kingsview MS – Tuesday, January 30th
- Roberto Clemente MS – Wednesday, January 31st
- Lakelands Park MS – Friday, February 2nd

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:

- Incoming Ninth Grade Course Bulletin
- Recommended Course List
- Student VUE instructions and helpful videos

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- Daily Announcements (Jag-TV)
- Drama Program
- Dual Enrollment Program
- Extracurricular Activities/Activity Bus Routes
- Health Room
- Internship Program

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information

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting - COMING SOON!

NWHS Articulation Handbook for Incoming 9th Grade Families - COMING SOON!

MCPS High School Course Bulletin

Course Selections Student Worksheet





Registration Forms

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

**NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
CLASS OF 2027**

DUE DATE: _____ Counselor: Ms. Edmunds

ID Number 2000000 Grade 8 Last Name Jaguar First Name Johnny

Home Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx Student Cell Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx

Parent/Guardian Name Jasmine 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. Log in 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 2027 Graduation Requirements		
English (4 credits)	Technology (1 credit)	Electives (2.5 Electives)
Math (4 Credits)	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 credits)	Health (1 credit)	

PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR SELECTED COURSES IN THE SPACES BELOW

Semester 1	Semester 2
English (Hon English 9 A or the appropriate ELD course) <u>Hon. English 9A</u>	English (Hon English 9 B or the appropriate ELD course) <u>Hon. English 9B</u>
Math (Next in sequence) <u>Geometry A</u>	Math (Next in sequence) <u>Geometry B</u>
Science (Hon Biology A) <u>Hon. Biology A</u>	Science (Hon Biology B) <u>Hon. Biology B</u>
Social Studies (Hon US History A or AP Gov 1 A) <u>Hon. US History A</u>	Social Studies (Hon US History B or AP Gov 1 B) <u>Hon. US History B</u>
World Language/Elective <u>Spanish 2A</u>	World Language/Elective <u>Spanish 2B</u>
Elective* <u>Foundations of Art A</u>	Elective* <u>Foundations of Art B</u>
Elective* <u>Volleyball</u>	Elective* <u>Yoga</u>

*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	<u>Digital Art A/B</u>
2nd Choice	<u>Soccer</u>
3rd Choice	<u>Night Training</u>

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: 2-1-28 Student Signature: Johnny Jaguar Date: 2-1-28



Registration Forms

- Common 9th Grade course selections:

- Honors English 9
- 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.

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
CLASS OF 2027

DUE DATE: _____ Counselor: Ms. Edmunds

ID Number: 200000 Grade: 9 Last Name: Jaguar First Name: Johany

Home Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx Student Cell Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Parent/Guardian Name: Jasmine Jaguar Cell Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

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Alternate Electives: Course Number & Title	
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3rd Choice	<i>Weight Training</i>

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Parent/Guardian Signature: Jasmine Jaguar Date: 2-4-23 Student Signature: Johany Jaguar Date: 2-4-23



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!

Looking for staff emails and other information? **Visit the**
Northwest website and follow us on **Twitter**
@NorthwestJags

See you next school year!