



Northwest High School

Incoming 9th Grade Parent Meeting

January 26, 2023





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. Dayo Banjo
Assistant School
Administrator**



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



**Ms. Lori Knight
School Business
Administrator**



NWHS Administrative Team



Mr. Jake Lee
Assistant Principal



Ms. Nikki Morales
**Assistant
Principal**



**Ms. Ericka
Singleton**
Assistant Principal



Ms. Jody Tyler
Athletic Specialist



NWHS Counseling Department



Ms. Jodi Edmunds
Resource Counselor

Last Names Beginning With	Counselor
A-Boak	Mr. Flach
Boal-Dau	Ms. McCarthy-Redd
Dav-Gh	Ms. Kravitz
Gi-Jim	Ms. Blanco
Jin-Lit	Ms. Cois
Liu-Mun	Mr. Freeman
Muo-Ole	Ms. Edmunds
Olf-Ros	Ms. Kakoullis
Rot-Thai	Ms. Kim
Thaj-Z	Ms. Saah



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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 2022
- ◎ 2022 graduates received over 1,000 admission offers to 228 different colleges, universities, and career programs
- ◎ 26 different Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- ◎ 29 NWHS students graduated with a high school diploma AND an associate's degree from Montgomery College in 2022!



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

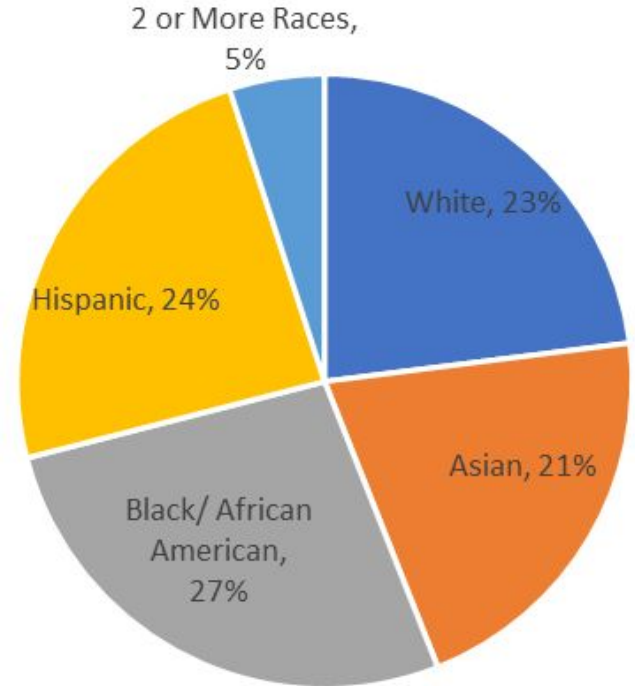
Baseball – 2017

Football State Finalists - 2019



Jag Pride!

2,480+ 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 A, B, C, or D) to receive the credit.
- A student should earn 7 credits *each* year (3.5 credits per semester) if he/she passes all of his/her classes.
- Students must earn at least 22 credits to earn a high school diploma.



Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Students receive a GPA each quarter and semester in addition to a cumulative GPA.
- A student's cumulative GPA is calculated using all high school course grades acquired.
- Students also receive 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 2027

- 22 Credits
- 75 Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours
- State Assessments: The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment for Algebra 1, English 10, Science Biology and NSL Government will account for 20% of the students final grade in the related course.



Graduation Requirements

22 credits total

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of math (including one credit in algebra 1 and one credit in geometry). Students must be enrolled in a math class all 4 years of high school.
- 3 NGSS - aligned science courses (including 1 credit of biology, 1 credit of physical science, 1 credit of an earth/space integrated science)



Graduation Requirements

- 3 credits of social studies
 - 1 credit in US History
 - 1 credit in National-State-Local (NSL) Government
 - 1 credit in Modern World History
- 1 credit of fine arts
- 1 credit of physical education
- 1 credit of health education
- 1 credit of technology education



Graduation Requirements

Program of Study Completers

- Option 1: Two credits in the same world language or American Sign Language
- Option 2: Four credits in a state-approved career and technology program



Student Registration

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

- Kingsview MS – Tuesday, January 31st
- Roberto Clemente MS – Wednesday, February 1st
- Lakelands Park MS – Thursday, 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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*NEW! Health test kit expiration dates extended 3 more months

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NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

NWHS Articulation Handbook for Incoming 9th Grade Families
MCPS High School Course Bulletin
Course Selections Student Worksheet
Sample of Completed Registration Worksheet for Class of 2027
Instructions Selecting Courses in StudentVue
Instructional Video Selecting Courses in StudentVue

Recommended Course Offerings (by grade)

Recommended Course Offerings Grade 9
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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.

DUE DATE:

**NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
CLASS OF 2027**

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

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

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.

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REGISTRATION
CLASS OF 2027**

Counselor: Ms. Edmunds

ID Number 200000 Grade 9 Last Name Jaguar First Name Johanny

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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Parent/Guardian Signature Jasmine Jaguar Date: 2-1-23 Student Signature: Johanny Jaguar Date: 2-1-23



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!

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See you next school year!