

NHMSHUSKIES

Student Registration

Wednesday, August 13

8th Grade - Morning

7th Grade - Afternoon

See Page 2 for Details

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 20

School hours:

7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

School opens for students: 7:25 a.m.

Curriculum Night

Wednesday, September 3

Meet your child's teachers and
see our school and classrooms

6:30 - 8:15 pm



Welcome Back to Northern Hills

We're excited to welcome everyone back to Northern Hills for the 2025–26 school year! Whether you're a returning Husky or new to our CREW, we're glad you're here. This year promises meaningful learning, strong relationships, and opportunities for every student to grow. Inside this newsletter, you'll find everything you need to start the year off right, from registration day info and schedules to key dates, communication tips, and ways to get involved. Let's make it a great year together.



Important NHMS Contacts

Main Office: 616-493-8650

Attendance Line: 616-493-8666

Attendance Email:

nhmsattendance@fhps.net



Back to School Registration - Aug. 13

Please plan on coming to NHMS on Wednesday, August 13, for our Registration Day! Both 7th and 8th-grade students should plan to attend this event.

8th Grade Schedule by Last Name

A-D	E-H	I-L	M-P	Q-S	T-Z
8:30-8:55 am	8:55-9:20 am	9:20-9:45 am	9:45-10:10 am	10:10-10:35 am	10:35-11:00 am

7th Grade Schedule by Last Names

A-D	E-H	I-L	M-P	Q-S	T-Z
12:00-12:30 pm	12:30-1:00 pm	1:00-1:30 pm	1:30-2:00 pm	2:00-2:30 pm	2:30-3:00 pm

Make Up Time for Both Grades

6:00-6:30 pm

At Registration, all students will:

- Receive your official class schedule
- Take your school picture & receive a student ID
- Get your locker assignment
- Tour the school and see friends
- Find all of your classrooms
- Get fall sports information

Information for Families:

- Geskus mails picture forms before Registration
- Our suggested school supply list is available [on our website](#) under 'Useful Links.'
- Staff will be available to help with PowerSchool Online Enrollment forms
- Return school and PTO forms

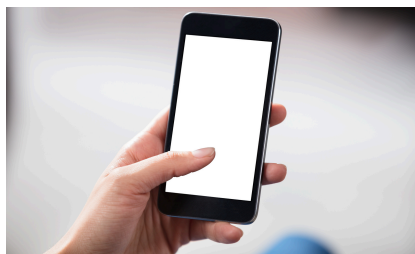
Student Schedules

Students will receive their class schedules during Registration on August 13. Schedule changes will only be considered if a course is missing or appears twice. We are not able to make changes based on teacher requests or to place students in classes with friends. Students will receive a Google Form the first day of school to request any schedule changes.



School Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch is served daily and is free for all students. For more information, please scan the QR code to visit the FHPs Food Service page



Cell Phones

Cell phones must be stored in student lockers upon arrival and remain there until dismissal. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day.



Lockers

All students are assigned a locker to store their belongings throughout the day. Backpacks and cell phones must be stored in lockers for the entire school day.

NEWSTAFF

7th Grade Science

Claire Troxel



Social Worker

Grace Roedel



Orchestra

Teresa Strobel-Gagiu



Social Worker

Lauren Doyle



Paraprofessional

Rob Organek



Science Long Term Sub

Bob Reed



NHMS Daily Schedule

	7 th
Crew	7:50-8:15
1st	8:20-9:15
2nd	9:20-10:15
3rd	10:20-11:15
Lunch	11:15-11:45
4th	11:50-12:45
5th	12:50-1:45
6th	1:50-2:45

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2nd	9:20-10:15
3rd	10:20-11:15
4th	11:20-12:15
Lunch	12:15-12:45
5th	12:50-1:45
6th	1:50-2:45

Transportation & School Drop-off/Pick-up Guidelines



Bus Transportation

- Bus assignments will be on the My Ride K-12 app
- Create an account: www.fhps.net/departments/transportation/
- Questions: Contact the Transportation Department at 616-493-8785, through email at transportation@fhps.net, or scan the QR code to visit the Transportation website.

Transportation must be requested when completing online PowerSchool forms sent from FHPS

Car Drop-off and Pick-up

- Use the front loop at NHMS for all student drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Pull all the way forward to the red X shown in the image before stopping to help keep the line moving efficiently.
- If the loop is full, use the cul-de-sac to form a safe and orderly line.
- Remain in your vehicle during pick-up and drop-off to help traffic flow smoothly.



School Communications

Life In The

A Weekly Update f

Life in the Middle

Each Friday, we send home our weekly communication that includes school news, a weekly calendar, and district news.



Email

Email is the best way to reach your child's teacher, counselor, or our office team. We aim to respond within 24 hours on school days.



Social Media

Follow us on our Social Media channels to see the great things happening at NHMS. Search for @nhmshuskies

NHMS Athletics

Northern Hills students have numerous opportunities to participate in sports throughout the year. Sports are run through NHMS or through FHPS Community Services. There are also opportunities available through community organizations, such as football, lacrosse, and cheerleading.

To participate:

- Register through [FinalForms](#)
- A valid physical (dated after April 15, 2025) must be uploaded
- All forms must be completed before the first practice

Fall practices begin August 25



Fall (Aug–Oct):

- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys Tennis (Community Services)

Winter I (Oct-Dec)

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Swimming & Diving (Community Services)

Winter II (Jan-Mar)

- Girls Basketball
- Wrestling
- Boys Swimming & Diving (Community Services)

Spring (Mar-May)

- Track and Field
- Girls Water Polo (Community Services)
- Girls Tennis (Community Services)

Questions?

Ben Bailey, NHMS Athletics Supervisor – bbailey@fhps.net
Community Services – 616-493-8950

Ways to Support NHMS



NHMS Field Trips/Experiences Donation

Instead of asking for multiple field trip fees throughout the year, we invite families to consider a one-time payment to help cover the cost of school-wide experiences like the 8th Grade Canoe Trip, 3-Mile Project field trip, and 7th Grade CREW Connect Field Day. Your support helps ensure all students can take part in these memorable events. A payment form is included for your convenience. Thank you!

Support our PTO

Our PTO plays a big role in making NHMS a great place for students and staff. From organizing events to supporting classrooms, their work makes a difference. We welcome your help, whether it's volunteering, donating, or staying connected.

CREW @ NHMS

Husky CREW brings our school community together by fostering meaningful relationships, encouraging reflection on academic progress, and focusing on developing Husky PRIDE. CREW is a space where every student feels known, valued, and supported.

Each student is assigned to a CREW with one of their teachers, providing a consistent and supportive connection throughout the year. CREW meets for 25 minutes each morning and includes time to build relationships and work on math and language arts skills using IXL.

CREW
SCHEDULE

Monday

Meaning Monday

-Good Vibes
-Connecting Question
-Husky Skills

Tuesday

Thinking Tuesday

-Good Vibes
-IXL Math

Wednesday

Word Wednesday

-Good Vibes
-Reading Time

Thursday

Thinking Thursday

-Good Vibes
-IXL Language Arts

Friday

Focus Friday

-Good Vibes
-Grade Level Meetings
-Recap/Review Time

CREWs in Action



Student Attendance Information

If your child is going to be absent:

Please report absences by calling our attendance line at 616-493-8650 before 9:00 AM, or email us at nhmsattendance@fhps.net

If your child needs to leave school early:

Please send a note with your child to bring to the office before school starts, or call our main office. This ensures your child is ready and waiting in the office when it's time for pick-up.

If your child is going to have an extended absence:

Before an extended absence, students should pick up an absence form from the office, have it signed by their teachers and a parent or guardian, and return the completed form to the office.

Husky PRIDE

At NHMS, we focus on Husky PRIDE: being Persistent, Respectful, Inclusive, Dependable, and showing up Every Day. Students are recognized throughout the year with PRIDE Awards, Huskies of the Month, and our year-end Heart of the Husky Awards

NORTHERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIDE AWARD PRESENTED TO: _____ <i>Thank you for being...</i> Persistent Respectful Inclusive Dependable Every Day! <i>You make NHMS a great place to be!</i>			STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____ NOMINATED BY: _____
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Opportunities for Students

Students have the opportunity to join clubs and participate in a variety of activities throughout the school year.

Examples of these are:
 Math Counts
 Social Studies Olympiad
 Spelling Bee
 Garden Club
 Chess Club
 Project Linus
 Crafting Club



OUR OFFICE TEAM

Principal**David Simpson**dsimpson@fhps.net**Assistant Principal****Raeanne Hart**rhart@fhps.net**7th Grade and 8th Grade Counselor: S-Z****Teresa Miller**tmiller@fhps.net**8th Grade Counselor: A-R****Kaylee Campbell**kcampbell@fhps.net

NHMS Important Dates

- **First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 20
- **No School – Labor Day Weekend:** Friday, August 29 through Monday, September 1
- **Fall Parent Teacher Conferences:** Tuesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 16
- **Fall Break:** Friday, October 17 through Monday, October 20
- **Thanksgiving Break:** Wednesday, November 26 through Sunday, November 30
- **Half Days:** December 17, 18, and 19
- **Winter Break:** Monday, December 22 through Sunday, January 4
- **No School – MLK Jr. Day:** Monday, January 19
- **Mid-Winter Break:** Friday, February 13 through Monday, February 16
- **Winter Parent Teacher Conferences:** Tuesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 26
- **Spring Break:** Wednesday, April 2 through Sunday, April 12
- **No School:** Friday, May 22
- **No School – Memorial Day:** Monday, May 25
- **8th Grade Class Night:** Thursday, May 28
- **Half Days:** June 2, 3, and 4
- **Last Day of School:** Thursday, June 4