



December 16, 2020

Dear Northwood Community:

On behalf of the Northwood Board, Administration, and staff, we wish you all a safe and healthy winter holiday season. This year was a true testament of how much we can accomplish when we all come together, again proving that relationships are at the heart of the Northwood community.

We are so grateful for our students, families, and staff for allowing us into your homes and supporting us in this virtual platform. Thank you again for standing tall with us during this difficult period. Looking forward to togetherness in 2021.

I wanted to write to bring a few reminders and updates to your attention:

1. Our teachers are prepared to connect with you this week for **Report Card Conferences**. This is a time for you to learn more about your child's general progress and also ask any questions that you may have. Remember that you and the teachers are partners in making your child most successful. As we have all become much more versed in our use of technology, we utilized Sign Up Genius to schedule those conferences and all meetings will be held via ZOOM. Thank you for growing with us!
2. As communicated after our November Board Meeting, **we will remain in the REMOTE setting** until our county can move out of the SUBSTANTIAL risk tier for three consecutive weeks. This tier is set by the PA Department of Health and we share that weekly data point with you via our Wednesday Bulldog Blast. Please be sure you are receiving that information via text as we will keep you updated.
3. Beginning January 4, 2021, **we have made some improvements to our instructional plan**, and will be following a slightly modified schedule. The major shifts are:
 - The day begins 15 minutes earlier at 8:15am
 - Reading and math blocks are longer in K-3 (45 mins rather than 30 mins)
 - The school-wide lunch period was shifted to 12:00-12:30. This allows K-3 teachers to pull a small group before lunch. We hope that this increases

participation in small groups for students who have not been logging back on after lunch and specials.

- Specialists will see one grade at-a-time rather than two
4. If you have not picked up **instructional supplies** from Northwood as directed, please do so by January 7th. The hours are 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday.
 5. **Meals remain free and available to all.** Over Winter Recess we are giving out a week's worth of meals on Monday, December 21st and a week's worth of meals on Monday, December 28th. Pickup for multiple meals on these two days will take place at our cafeteria (Adams Ave. entrance) from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.

We hope families take advantage of this cost-saving and nutritional convenience during the holidays. There will be no Thursday meal pick-up during these two weeks, though once classes resume after the New Year, free meals will resume on Mondays and Thursdays, during the times above.

As always, please reach out with any questions and be sure to read our weekly updates via REMIND/Bulldog Blast. If you are not getting REMIND alerts, please do the following:

- Text @nacsnews to the number 81010
- If you are not yet signed up, you must select the PARENT role when joining the App. If you select the wrong role, you will NOT receive schoolwide messages.
- When you receive weekly text alerts with the Bulldog Blast, please be sure to click the link provided to read the contents of the newsletter.

Warmest Wishes,

Mrs. Amy Hollster

CEO