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Weekly newsletter for the NCS Intermediate and Senior Academies

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Gearing Up for a Great Year

EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPING COLLEGE READY GRADUATES

The countless hours planning and preparing over this summer is about to pay off! The 2019-2020 school year will be the best that Neuse Charter School has had in it's distinguished history.

Our 3 year strategic plan: Excellence in Developing College Ready Graduates, has been our guidepost as we thought about our students this summer. We will be intentional with all of our decisions as we work towards Excellence in Academics, Excellence in Culture and Excellence in Operations.

Our kids, our families and our communities deserve nothing less.

Did you realize that several of this years graduating Seniors have been with us since kindergarten? What a milestone! They are NCS,

It is with genuine gratitude and a sincere heart that I extend a warm welcome to our new families and an enthusiastic welcome back those who have been traveling the ROADS to Cougar Excellence with us.

Thank you for everything you do to make our community stronger! Cougar Pride!

Dr. Swartzlander

First Days Logistics

- Morning carpool opens at 7:20am. Students may not be dropped off before that time (unless you have enrolled in PAWS).
- Grades 5-8 will wait in the main gym from 7:20am-7:40am- they do not report to classrooms until 7:45am.
- Grades 9-12 will wait in the Commons from 7:20am-7:40am- they do not report to classrooms until 7:45am.
- Schedule change requests will be located in the HS lobby. Until the schedule change is processed, students follow the schedule they presently have.
- Hot lunch will be available beginning the 2nd week of school. Payment processes are the same as in years past (bust the cost as decreased!). For more info go the NCS webpage > Information> Parent Information> Lunch.
- Hot lunch will be distributed in the HS Commons area, no more need to travel to the gym to pick up lunch! YAY!!!
- Carpool has not changed. Grades 5-7 are picked up on the HS side of carpool, grades 8-12 are picked up on the Aux. gym side of carpool.
- Afternoon carpool opens at **2:30pm, no earlier. You can not wait and park on Kellie Drive-** there are open business located on that road, and soon- Kellie will be a thoroughfare.
- Grades 5-12 dismiss **at 2:45pm.**
- Students will not be dismissed from class until 2:45pm for car pool.
- Senior Academy drivers of Primary Siblings **must go through carpool.** They may not walk to pick up their sibling.
- Senior Academy drivers **must** purchase a parking pass to park in Student Parking.

- All medical records **must** be up to date including vaccinations (or vaccination exemptions) by the **20th day of school.** I will send an email which says please contact the office to discuss incomplete medical information. Please do so- after 20 days, you child will not be able to attend school until records are up-to date. This is SO very important.
- I'm sure there are other questions you have that I have not addressed- please just email me with those questions.

Meeting the Needs of Gifted and Talented Students

Intelligence is one's ability to navigate through problem space (S. Mukherjee).

There are so many ways a student can exhibit their giftedness and talents. Some possess emotional intelligence, others- cultural intelligence, still others musical intelligence, academic intelligence, physical, social, linguistic, etc. intelligences.

Understanding how to push, challenge and support our learners is our charge. One that we will continue to excel in meeting and overcoming.

A multitude of strategies are used in reaching gifted and talented students including; but not limited to single-subject acceleration, compacted curriculum, Paideia Seminar, Application Problems, Deep-Dive Research and Application, Passion Projects, Genius 20, Independent Study, Novel Narration, Community Investment and Engagement, Leadership, on and on.

NCS has committed to challenging our Gifted and Talented students (all of them) through the policies which have been in place for many many years. We will continue to appropriately place students (in the 5-8 spaces) so they experience the necessary rigor but also where their learning experience is enhanced and enriched by academic engagement opportunities. These opportunities are created to challenge our students to THINK.

In the 5-8 space we use a variety of data sets to ensure that students are grouped appropriately. But our groupings are also flexible and fluid. We will ensure that if a student struggles or excels, they have the opportunity to receive appropriate supports.

Understand, that sometimes Gifted and Talented Students haven't faced academic struggles before. When faced with academic struggles, some students come out fighting, others shut-down, others become discouraged- or a million other reactions. We will support and scaffold our students so they can begin to excel in navigating problem space.

These academic challenges sometimes come with lower grades than what they have had in the past, THAT IS OKAY! That means that we are intentionally challenging your children to push themselves to be their best.

Reach out with any questions.

Strengthening Our Community

In an effort to streamline and unify our efforts, Neuse Charter will be piloting combined fundraising for the 2019-2020 school year. This should result in more efficient fundraisers throughout the year. All money raised will directly impact your students by providing funds for our Academic and Athletic clubs and programs.

Please use the QR code below to learn more:



Giving to Neuse

Parent Ambassadors

Parent Ambassador meetings are the 2nd Tuesday each month at Golden Corral starting in September at 8:30AM.

We also have spirit nights the second Tuesday each month in which a parent ambassador or admin will be present for informal engagement.

These are regular opportunities for NCS families to contribute to their school. To sign up e-mail: ncsparentambassador@gmail.com