

**Important Dates:**

- **School Begins**
September 5
- **Benchmark Weeks**
September 11-15
December 11-15
- **Picture Day (Jr.K-8)**
September 13
- **Pizza Friday** (every other Friday)
September 15, 29
October 13, 27
(No Pizza Friday in November)
December 8
- **Fall Fundraiser Begins**
September 29 - October 20
- **Parent Circle**
1st Friday of the month
(auditorium)
October 6
4:30-5:30
- **Principal's Story Time**
2nd Friday of every month
4:30-5:30
- **Mad Science Tuesdays (K-5)**
October 17-Dec. 12
4:35-5:35
- **Chess Club Wednesdays (K-8)**
October 11 - Feb. 7
4:35-5:35
- **Back to School Night (Jr.K-8)**
October 13
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Halloween Carnival**
October 27
- **Parent Conferences (K-5)**
November 20, 21
- **School Closed**
November 10, 23, 24
December 22, 26,
Jan 1, 2
- **Day Care**
November 22
December 18-21, 27-29
- **School Resumes**
January 3

MobyMax Access Forms are due by September 22nd.

Dear NHS Families,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! My name is Victor Dawson and I am the school principal. I look forward to speaking with all families this year. Throughout the day, you will catch me inside classrooms, hallways, and on playgrounds, so please make an effort to contact me for questions or concerns. You may join me every 1st Friday of the month for refreshments. Parent's Circle Time will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium beginning October 6th.

School Website

We are asking all parents to go to our school website and complete the Contact Form to receive digital newsletters and updates by email.

Pizza Friday

A slice of cheese pizza=\$2
A drink = \$1



Spirit Day

Life Skills

The school will continue with several pillars of character for our 21 century learners. Help us reinforce these character traits at home:

- Sept.—Taking A Risk:
- Oct.—Self Regulation:
- Nov.—Effective Communication:
- Dec.—Empathy / Caring:
- Jan.—Effective Research:
- Feb.—Proficient Writing & Note Taking:
- Mar.—Preparedness:
- April—Critical Thinking:
- May—Assertiveness:
- June—Persistence:

Friday

To promote school unity and spirit, each Friday will be school tee-shirt or college tee shirt day. Classes with the most student participation during our Eagles Assembly will be recognized. Tee-shirts will be on sale at the end of the month and during Back to School Night.

Student Eagles Assembly
(1:45-3 p.m.)

September 29
October 20
November 17
December 15
January 26

Back to School Night

To kick off the beginning of the school year, join us for our Back to School Night on Friday, October 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Take an opportunity to visit inside your child's classroom and learn about their school day. Informational tables will be set up with information on after school clubs. School tee-shirts will also be on sell in the front lobby.

Birthdays

Starting September 5, 2017, NHS is limiting food distribution for birthday celebrations. There are a variety of reasons why we made this change:

Safety: With many classrooms having at least one food allergy, anyone serving food to children needs to be aware of food allergies and the potential for a life-threatening allergic reaction. These reactions range from mild to severe and even fatal. The safety of all students is one of our top priorities.

Inclusion: Sending in a food treat to the classroom to celebrate can exclude those children who have food allergies, diabetes or other dietary restrictions.

Time: With many students celebrating birthdays close together, it does take a huge chunk of classroom time and often impedes on our lunch rotations, teacher's prep and their break schedules.

Please know that we are not trying to take the fun out of birthdays. Classroom teachers will continue to recognize children on their special day in special ways. We have provided the list below as a few choices for honoring your children on their special day:

- You may donate a book to the classroom in honor of your child's birthday with his/her name inside.
- Have your child bring their favorite book to share and the teacher or child will read it to the class.
- Donate a ball or jump rope (new or used) to the classroom for recess.
- Provide each student in class with a colorful pencil, stickers or eraser.