

Regional School District No. 7

Superintendent's Newsletter

August 24, 2022

Judith A. Palmer, Ed.D

Dear Northwestern Staff, Students, and Families:

Welcome back to school! I look forward to welcoming our students to the 2022-23 school year on [Wednesday, August 31, 2022](#). Our facility looks beautiful and we are anticipating a great start to the school year.

New Teachers: There were a number of retirements last year. Thankfully, we had no trouble filling vacancies. We are very pleased to welcome a highly qualified and talented group of new teachers. Together, let's make every effort to help them feel welcome as the newest members of the NWR7 school community. Please see my announcement on our website for a full listing of [new teachers](#).

Bus Routes: Your child's bus route is located on our website under [Bus Information](#). It is also listed on your bus company's website. Specific questions or concerns about your child's route or bus stop should go directly to your bus company.

Fall Sports: Our fall sports teams are getting underway. We expect a full season with many exciting games. We have a contract with Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to provide our trainer. Unfortunately, as of today, they have been unable to fill the position. All NWR7 coaches are certified in CPR and First Aid and will be addressing sports injuries. You might enjoy following our teams on our Instagram account NWR7athletics. Go Highlanders!

COVID Update: We are excited to open school in a normal fashion. However, COVID remains a concern. We will continue to work collaboratively to prevent the spread of COVID in school. Please review the following health recommendations:

CDC Recommendations-

Anyone with symptoms of infectious disease, including influenza, and gastrointestinal infections should remain home. If experiencing any COVID symptoms you should get tested. If the test is negative and your symptoms persist, remain home.

DPH recommendations-

Students and staff with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat etc.), and;

- **No fever and no known COVID in the household in the past 2 weeks** should test every day they have symptoms prior to leaving for school. If the test is negative and they feel well enough to report to school, they may attend. Mask wearing in school is strongly advised until symptoms resolve.
- **Anyone with fever (>100F) or who feels feverish or lives with a person who recently tested positive for COVID within the past 2 weeks, should not report to**

school. COVID testing is recommended. Once the fever has resolved for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and the COVID test is negative they may return to school.

NWR7 will continue to report positive COVID cases to the DPH and post the information on our [website](#). Please contact the school nurse regarding any questions or concerns regarding COVID.

Test kits are available by contacting the Health Office or by emailing dmitchell@nwr7.org or adurso@nwr7.org. Mr. Andy Bakulski will remain in his role of COVID Liaison for Regional School District No. 7.

If you would like additional information from the CDC regarding COVID please see the following:

[COVID TOOL KIT](#) [CDC Quarantine/Isolation Calculator](#)

Communication: We value a strong partnership with our students, families, administrators, and teachers. We believe that consistent communication and family engagement promote a positive school climate and a productive school experience. We look forward to working closely with you.

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I hope you enjoy the last few days of summer vacation!



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