



August 3, 2016

Re: Back to School Letter for NLA Families

Hello NLA Community:

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. We hope this year provides you experiences that deepen, relationships that enrich, and a place in our community that ignites! NLA believes in you and is providing this information to keep you on track for a great start!

- The 2016-17 school year begins on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:50am. **Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5pm-7pm at both campuses. To help ease congestion, student schedules for Upper School students will be emailed out prior to Back to School Night.**
- NLA is proud to announce the following hires:  
Allison Tucker: Social Studies  
Sarah Wykstra: Spanish  
Rachel Weidman: Music
- Upper School class times have been adjusted to accommodate a larger student body. NLA will now have two separate lunch times and all students will eat in the lunchroom during their assigned times. The following will be our daily schedule for the 2016-17 year:

1<sup>st</sup> period: 7:50am – 9:10am  
2<sup>nd</sup> period: 9:15am – 10:35am  
3<sup>rd</sup> period: 10:40am – 12:00pm  
Lunch/Advisory: 12:00pm – 12:25pm (A Lunch)  
Lunch/Advisory: 12:25pm – 12:50pm (B Lunch)  
4<sup>th</sup> period: 12:50pm – 2:10pm

Please be mindful of providing students breakfast opportunities as research has consistently indicated it is the most valuable meal of the day. NLA will continue to offer breakfast each morning and encourage student participation.

- NLA will continue to provide video updates throughout the year – please follow us on Facebook (search North Lakes Academy), Twitter (@NLAschool) and on our website ([www.northlakesacademy.org](http://www.northlakesacademy.org)) for the most up-to-date information.
- NLA will have a **student orientation day during school on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** where all login information for PowerSchool and Schoology will be shared, the Student Handbook and Technology Policy will be distributed electronically for signatures, and large-scale discussions will be had with each class by staff. Topics include expectations for the school year, credits, schedules, basic school rules, philosophy of learning, and grade specific topics and goal setting.

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## Important “Back-to-School Items”...

Open House is *Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5pm – 7pm*. Schedules will be emailed out prior to this night. *New family meeting will take place at 6pm in Music Room.*

NLA has a suggested fee request of \$60 for students this year. Suggested fees cover costs of art supplies, musical instruments, field trip/bus fees, copy paper, and other classroom necessities to provide a quality education for your child. Without these suggested fees NLA would not be able to offer the quality of programming which has become our norm in the arts, athletics, and science areas.

Parking permits are available for students at a cost of \$45 for the entire school year. Paperwork can be filled out online or by hand prior to attaining a permit. **ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO FOREST LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

NLA is offering a Chromebook leasing program again this school year. For \$80/year students can lease their own Chromebook to have and use each day of the 2016-17 school year. A flyer is included with this mailing outlining the details and process for leasing.

Students participating in Physical Education courses are expected to have a change of clothes and appropriate shoes available for class each day. NLA has locker space available for those that wish to keep clothes on campus – students are responsible for providing their own lock.

Band students should bring their instrument and be ready to play the first day of class.

NLA will also be hosting informational meetings throughout the year for families interested in college planning, potential PSEO options, and our dual-credit offerings. We would also like to educate families more on our Becoming... curriculum. Please reference <http://nlabecoming.strikingly.com/> for details.

This is a lot of information to digest for some – please take the time to process and discuss with your students – set some goals for the upcoming year, and share those with staff, administration or friends to help hold each other accountable. We look forward to educating this year. The staff is prepared, the school is great shape, and the year is just around the corner. Thank you for choosing NLA and taking the time to invest in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cam Stottler', is written over a white background.

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