



# NORTH STAR NEWS

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

- 11/2-11/15** PTC Fall Virtual Book Fair
- 11/11** Veteran's Day - **No School**
- 11/13** Grading Day - **No School**
- 11/16-11/20** Spirit Week
- 11/17** Materials Distribution 2-6 p.m.
- 11/17** PTC Meeting (online) 6:30 p.m.
- 11/18** Materials Distribution 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 11/18** Virtual Award Assembly (Facebook)
- 11/23** Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/24** Parent Teacher Conferences - **No School**
- 11/25-11/27** Thanksgiving Break - **No School**



[Click here](#) for the updated school year calendar.

## **Principal's Message**

Dear North Gresham Families,

Four weeks of school completed and students are settling in well. Having a school routine of expectation of when to log in, how the playlist works, and navigating meetings are becoming easier for students. To all who are supporting our students outside of school, you are doing a great job. At North, we recognize how important your partnership is to the success of each student and how hard you are working on your end. Our community (parents, daycare supports, extended friends and family members, teachers, as well as older siblings) have really come together to make this happen and our students will benefit from this support. From our North Staff to all of YOU, we want to say a big THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Shawnda Sewell  
Principal



As North Stars we know "Together We Reach, We Rise, and We Shine!"

## **Important Information**

### **Virtual Conferences**

This year parent teacher conferences will be virtual using Google Meet and a scheduling app called Meeting Bird. Beginning November 9th, your student's teacher will email you a link that you can click on to schedule your student's conference. Once you select your date and time, you will receive a



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confirmation email. If you are a Google Calendar user, the conference appointment will be automatically added to your Google Calendar.

On the day/time of your conference, just click the meeting link in your confirmation email and it will take you to Google Meet to join the video conference. There is an option to join by phone only if you cannot join by video.

If you need to cancel or reschedule your conference, there is a link in the confirmation email to do that. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher, or the school office.

Don't have an email account? You can use your student's email address to sign-up for conferences, or you can sign-up for a free email account through Gmail [here](#).

## **Materials Distribution**

We will have a second materials distribution on Tuesday, November 17th from 2-6 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 18th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come pick up supplies, curriculum, and additional materials for your student!

## **Remind App**

Sign-up for the Remind app to keep in touch with your student's teacher! No matter where you are or what you're doing, get important school updates right on your phone. More information and sign-up [here](#).

## **Stay Updated**

Please visit our district [website](#) to stay updated on current events, information, and resources during distance learning. For North Gresham events and updates, please visit our school website [here](#).

## **All GBSD Buildings Closed**

Due to COVID-19, all GBSD buildings and schools are closed to the public at this time.

## **ParentVue**

Register on ParentVue. If you need assistance with setting up ParentVue, please call the school at 503-661-6415. You can also email our secretaries at [thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us) or [stevens@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:stevens@gresham.k12.or.us). Visit the ParentVue web page to login or sign up: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/2446>



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## Resources

### **Counselor's Corner**

Dear North Gresham Families,

We hope you and your loved ones are doing well. We have started lessons on tools for our "toolbox" which can provide support for students as they navigate emotions and how to process them. Each month we will cover a new tool. We first started with Breathing since we felt like we all needed to take time to truly connect our hearts with our minds as we started the school year. For October we talked about Self-compassion as we learned to be kind to ourselves and be compassionate especially when things don't go as expected. Our next tool will be Gratitude.

Please encourage your student to visit our Wellness Center (located within their classes), and if you'd like, you are also welcome to join in the activities.

*We Reach, We Rise, We Shine... with kindness,*  
Ms. Chu and Mrs. Harshfield

### **Grab-and-Go Meals**

Begins September 14th! Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Oregon Health Plan**

Free health coverage offered by the state of Oregon. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Virtual Library**

Click [here](#) to visit the fall virtual library that has links to online books and resources.

### **Immunization Clinics**

Don't wait! Catch up on school vaccines now! For more information and free clinics, click [here](#).

### **Free Flu Shots**

Need a flu shot? Know someone who needs one? Free flu shot clinics coming near you! Click [here](#) for dates and times.

## Stay Connected

### **Follow Us on Facebook**

Follow and like North Gresham Elementary's Facebook page! Watch Morning Announcements Monday-Friday at 8:10 a.m., and Story Time Monday-Thursday at 7:30 p.m.!

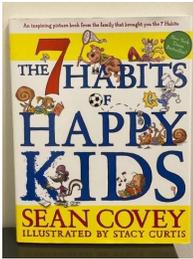
Go to: [www.facebook.com/NorthGreshamElementarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/NorthGreshamElementarySchool).



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## PBIS



Over the course of the year we will be teaching students about character traits presented in Steven Covey's book "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids." Students will learn about these traits during morning announcements and in their classroom. At the end of the month classroom teachers will nominate students that have exemplified the character trait to be recognized at the monthly assembly.



## Begin With the End in Mind®

*Begin with the End in Mind* means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started.

Reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind.

For young children, a good example is that of a jigsaw

puzzle. Before doing a puzzle, they look at the cover of the box. They start with the end in mind.

## Virtual Recess

Virtual recesses are now in session! This is a great way for your students to connect with their classmates and other students to build their social skills and confidence. Students have the opportunity to meet virtually for social time, show and tell, coloring, games, and other activities hosted by one of our educational assistants. Virtual recess is available Monday-Friday, 11:05-11:20 a.m. for grades K-2 and 11:25-11:40 a.m. for grades 3-5. Students join by clicking on the virtual recess link in their Google Classroom.

## Spirit Week, Virtual Assembly & Attendance Challenge Reward

We had an amazing first virtual award assembly and spirit week in October! We were so excited to see that students earned their attendance challenge reward, too - a bucket of ice water dumped on Mrs. Sewell!

November's spirit week will be 11/16-11/20. During that week, students and staff can dress up each day to show their school spirit.

- Monday, 11/16 - Shine Bright Day, wear bright colors, neon, or glitter!
- Tuesday, 11/17 - Silly Hat Day, wear a silly hat!
- Wednesday, 11/18 - School Pride, wear your school colors or stars!
- Thursday, 11/19 - Pajama Day, wear your favorite school appropriate pj's!
- Friday, 11/20 - Book Character Day, dress up like your favorite book character!



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Don't forget to take photos and post them on Facebook, or email them with permission to post to our Head Secretary, Nina Thomas, at [thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us). We love to see our North Stars showing their school spirit!

Our November assembly will be on 11/18, and it will be virtual. The link to watch will be posted on Facebook and in Google Classroom. If students meet the 85% or better attendance mark, they will be rewarded by watching either Ms. Thomas get a pie in the face, or Mrs. Reed getting duct taped to a wall. Tune in on 11/18 to find out!

## SUN

Happy November North Stars! To start off this month with some fun we'd like to invite you to join our SUN Site Assistant Ms. Izzy every week for some crafting and Spanish learning videos on our school's Facebook page. Make sure you go like our [North Gresham Elementary School Facebook](#) page. If you're interested in participating and you'd like to receive a package of materials for all of our arts & crafts projects, please email me at [yessicar@mfs.email](mailto:yessicar@mfs.email) with your student's name and we'll deliver to your doorstep!

## PTC

Please visit [www.northgreshamptc.com](http://www.northgreshamptc.com) and like us on [Facebook North Gresham Elementary Parent Teacher Club](#) for more information & updates on these events and more. This month we are doing Fall Virtual Book Fair from Nov 2nd to Nov 15th ([www.scholastic.com/bf/northgresham](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/northgresham)) and Family Night Out with MOD Pizza on Tuesday Nov. 10th from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Use "GR163263N" to give 20% back to the school (use the code for take out, delivery & pick up to count towards our fundraiser).

Your Virtual PTC meetings are moving to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We welcome all school staff, parents & community members to watch Live on YouTube from any personal device during the event. November meeting will be on Tuesday November 17th at 6:30 pm. Please watch on our YouTube Channel to chat & participate in the meeting.

Remember, to scan your grocery receipts using the Box Top App (After you scan the receipt, click on the STAR "Credit", and put in your child's teacher's last name to give Credit to that teacher. Yes! We will have competitions.) You can also give back with [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) (North Gresham Grade School Parent Teacher Club) and Fred Meyers Community Rewards (North Gresham Parent Teacher Club). All funds go back to the school and support our students!

## Contacting the Office

You can reach the office staff by calling our school at 503-661-6415, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please leave a voicemail, if necessary, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You can also email our office team at any time. Nina Thomas at [thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us), and Heather Stevens at [stevens@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:stevens@gresham.k12.or.us).



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## **Send Your Photos!**

We started a Facebook photo album called *North Stars Shine Online*. We want to see photos of North students and staff showing us how they shine during online learning. Take a picture of your child's school workspace, doing their schoolwork, or a photo of a drawing or special message they made encouraging their fellow North Stars! Do you want your photo added to the album? Send to Nina Thomas at [thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us). View our album [here](#).