



# NORTHBROOK MIDDLE

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*"GROUNDED IN EXCELLENCE"*

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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to the start of the 2019 – 2020 school year! As always, our commitment at Northbrook Middle School is to provide a safe, positive, intellectual learning environment that is both “High-Performing and Nurturing.”

This year marks our sixth school year, and I would like to continue to set high expectations for our students in regard to academic performance within the classroom, participation in co-curricular activities, and responsible citizenship at school and in the community. The immense amount of pride that our students exhibit for our school and cluster is astonishing, and I am asking each student to make a commitment to reach deeply within to maximize and reach his/her complete potential. Students exhibit that “**NORTHBROOK LION PRIDE**” by being active participants in their education and acting responsibly as individuals within our learning community. Having Lion Pride will enable all to have yet another successful and enjoyable school year. Be mindful that middle school is a time of a change. It is an exciting time, but it can also be challenging with the increase in workloads and the social adjustment.

Students, I encourage you to do the following so you can be successful during your experience at Northbrook:

- Communicate with others in a respectful and meaningful way
- Pose questions, examine possibilities, and challenge yourself to find solutions
- Surround yourself with positive people
- Make positive choices related to physical and mental wellness
- Contribute to our school community in a collaborative, respectful manner
- Seek assistance from adults when making difficult decisions
- Practice good digital citizenship in regards to social media

Parents, please make time to:

- Ask your student(s) specific questions about their time at school. For example, “What was the most interesting thing you did in math class today?” or “What did you learn from your science experiment?”
- Use the Parent Portal early and often. The portal provides relevant information regarding your child’s academic performance and attendance records.
- Parents who show interest and concern in school progress motivate their children to do their best at school.
- Communicate with your child’s teachers and staff members to establish a successful home/school connection. All of our teachers have classroom websites with their contact information, homework assignments, and useful resources.
- Be in the know regarding the use of electronic devices and social media.

We look forward to yet another positive and upbeat school year at Northbrook. Students, I encourage you to stay connected with our school by continuing along the studious and respectful path that the students before have paved. We have a very beautiful facility that has been extremely well kept. Parents, please remind your child to help us to keep it that way. Also, please help us by reinforcing school expectations at home. With your help, Northbrook will continue to be a school community in which every person feels respected and valued and is encouraged and challenged to achieve at the highest levels.

I encourage you all to be active in the PTSA. Our partnership is essential for continued success. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and know that my door is always open.

I am excited for the opportunity to work with you and your student(s) to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success. Once again, welcome to Northbrook Middle School! I am honored to serve as your principal.

ONE RIDGE!!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith D. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Keith D. Thompson  
Principal

# Northbrook Middle School

## 2019-2020 Information Sheet

**Curriculum Nights:** 6th Grade August 12, 7th and 8th Grade August 13

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

**School website:** [Northbrookms.org](http://Northbrookms.org)

<b>Open House and Registration:</b>	Thursday, August 1 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Bus routes will be posted and transportation officials will be present to answer questions.						
	<p><b>Open House/Registration</b> Thursday, August 1</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Students A – G</td> <td style="width: 30%;">4:00 – 5:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students H – M</td> <td>5:00 – 6:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students N – Z</td> <td>6:00 – 7:00 pm</td> </tr> </table> <p>We would like for you to adhere to the above schedule if possible. If you are unable to do so, you may come at the time that is convenient for you.</p>		Students A – G	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Students H – M	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Students N – Z
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<b>School Numbers:</b>	Main Number – 678- 407-7140 FAX – 678-407-7157 Clinic – 678-407-7142	<b><u>Offices</u></b> Registrar – 678-407-7146 Counseling – 678-407-7138 or 7139 6th Grade- 678-407-7159 7th Grade- 678-407- 7147 8th Grade- 678-407-7171					
<b>School Begins:</b>	<b>Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup></b>						
<b>School Hours:</b>	<b>9:20 am – 4:00 pm</b>						
<b>Earliest Arrival Time:</b>	Students should not arrive at school until 8:55 am unless they have a note from a teacher. Students who arrive prior to 8:55 am will be asked to wait in the cafeteria, except for Wednesday Help Days (see below).						
<b>PTA:</b>	Parents and teachers are strongly encouraged to join the PTA. Individual membership is \$7.00.						
<b>Student and Parent Information Form:</b>	At Open House, parents will be requested to verify and/or provide accurate student/ family information such as: address, birth date, phone numbers, name and phone numbers of individuals authorized to check the student out of school, parent/ guardian information including work phone numbers, and emergency health information, which include medical alerts, physician’s name and phone number, and comments. <b>PLEASE BRING THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU TO OPEN HOUSE.</b>						
<b>Contribution Request:</b>	We will send an email to you with a link to <a href="http://MyPaymentsPlus.com">MyPaymentsPlus.com</a> so you can make payments prior to Open House/Registration night. Assistance will be available in the computer labs to help you with the process, or if you prefer to make contributions by cash or check, forms will be available.						

<b>Newsletter:</b>	The Northbrook Focus is sent to parents at the email address listed in Synergy. The purpose of this communication is to keep parents informed about school news and events. Parents who want to receive this e-mail newsletter will be given the opportunity to sign up at Open House or by calling the school at: 678-407-7140.
<b>Parent pick up/ drop off:</b>	We ask the students be picked up/drop off in the rear of the building. This helps greatly with supervision.
<b>Parent Portal:</b>	The GCPS Parent Portal serves as a valuable resource for information about your child and his or her academic career. The go2 Portal can be accessed safely and securely, anytime from anywhere, all you need is a computer with internet access. If you have not done so already, you can sign up during Open House.
<b>Help Days:</b>	Wednesday (on regular school days) are designated “Help Days”. Teachers will be available to help students’ make-up, catch-up, or review instructional material from 8:15-8:55 am. Parents must make arrangements to get their child to school.
<b>Insurance:</b>	Student insurance information is posted on the Northbrook Middle School website with a link. <a href="http://www.studentinsurance-KK.com">http://www.studentinsurance-KK.com</a>
<b>Lunches:</b>	Regular lunch costs \$2.50 – extra milk \$.40. Prepayment can be completed online using MyPaymentsPlus.com or during Open House in the cafeteria. Ice cream will also be sold at lunch. Applications for free and reduced lunch will be sent home with students the first day of school or you may use this link to apply online: <a href="http://gwinnett.schoollunchapp.com">http://gwinnett.schoollunchapp.com</a> .
<b>Clinic:</b>	The clinic worker will be available to accept medications with the Parent/Guardian Authorization form, and meet with parents at Open House.
<b>Lockers:</b>	Small book lockers are located in homerooms.
<b>PE Uniforms:</b>	We will sell PE uniforms at Open House. The shirts and shorts will cost \$10.00 each. Students will be expected to wear this uniform or similar clothing when participating in PE.
<b>Connection Classes:</b>	All middle school students take two connection classes each semester. Students are expected to attend physical education and health class each year. The other connection classes will be randomly assigned unless the student, with parental permission, opts to take band, chorus, orchestra, or Spanish, which are yearlong classes. Sixth graders will participate in a connections orientation during the first days of school. During this time, they will learn about all the connection classes and be given the option of signing up for band, chorus, orchestra, or Spanish with parental consent.
<b>Supply List:</b>	See last page
<b>Yearbooks:</b>	Yearbooks will be on sale later this fall. You will be able to order directly through the yearbook publisher online. Please be on the lookout for details.



**2019-20**

**Northbrook Middle  
School General Supply list**

**Grade 6**

- #2 lead pencils (NO mechanical pencils)
- Personal pencil sharpener
- Pencil pouch
- Cap erasers for pencils
- Pens (Red AND Blue or Black)
- Highlighters
- One box colored pencils
- Dry erase markers (low odor)
- Six bound composition books
- Notebook paper
- FOUR glue sticks
- Ruler
- Scissors
- ONE ream colored or white copy paper
- Kleenex — 3 boxes
- Paper towels — 1 roll
- Ear buds for computer

**Grade 7**

- #2Pencils
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Sharpie markers
- Colored Pencils
- Ruler
- Scissors
- TI 30XS calculator
- 3 composition books
- Wide-rule paper
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 pack 500 sheet copy paper
- 1 pack dry erase markers
- 1 pack index cards
- 1 roll paper towel
- 1 box tissue
- 1 hand sanitizer
- Ear buds for computer

**Grade 8**

- #2 Pencils
- Black or Blue Pens
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Package of notebook paper
- Ream colored or white copy paper
- 1 pack dry erase markers
- 1 pack index cards
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 boxes tissues
- 1 hand sanitizer
- Ear buds for computer

**Please Note: Students may also receive a more individualized list from their team of classroom teachers during Open House.**