

Skyview Middle Family Newsletter

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Return to In-Person Learning

Skyview Middle School will return to in-person instruction Monday, January 24th. School will operate on the regular 2021-22 Bell schedule. See below.

Skyview Middle School Bell Schedule 2021-22

"Home of the Eagles"

Non Block (Monday, Tuesday)		
Period	Time	
1	7:55	8:50
2	8:55	9:45
Advisory	9:50	10:15
1st Lunch	10:20	10:50
3	10:55	11:45
4	11:50	12:40
3	10:20	11:10
2nd Lunch	11:15	11:45
4	11:50	12:40
3	10:20	11:10
4	11:15	12:05
3rd Lunch	12:10	12:40
5	12:45	1:35
6	1:40	2:30

Early Release (Wednesday)		
Period	Time	
1	7:55	8:40
2	8:45	9:25
3	9:30	10:10
1st Lunch	10:15	10:45
4	10:50	11:30
5	11:35	12:15
4	10:15	10:55
2nd Lunch	11:00	11:30
5	11:35	12:15
4	10:15	10:55
5	11:00	11:40
3rd Lunch	11:45	12:15
6	12:20	1:00

Block Schedule (Thursday, Friday)		
Period	Time	
1 or 4	7:55	9:35
Break	9:35	9:45
Advisory	9:45	10:15
1st Lunch	10:20	10:50
2 or 5	10:55	12:40
2 or 5	10:20	11:10
2nd Lunch	11:15	11:45
2 or 5	11:50	12:40
2 or 5	10:20	12:05
3rd Lunch	12:10	12:40
Break	12:40	12:50
3 or 6	12:50	2:30

SMS COVID-19 Protocols, Updates, Information

SMS COVID-19 Protocols and Information

Please click [here](#) for the most current COVID-19 Information in NSD and at Skyview Middle School.

Attention Parents/Guardians of Students Who May Have Covid-19 or Have Tested Positive (Please go through these three checks daily!)

1. IF a student has ANY symptoms consistent with Covid-19 (headache, stuffy/runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, nausea/vomiting, fever) the student should STAY HOME!!
2. IF you have said to yourself, "It's just a cold." The student should STAY HOME!! Symptoms of a cold are the same as those for Covid-19. Please don't have your student come to school. Plan for your student to get tested as soon as possible and submit test results to the SMS Nurses, Jennifer Celms.
3. IF a student has tested positive for Covid-19, please opt out of batch testing for 90 days. If this is not done, the student's test results will most likely come back positive!

Summary of New NSD COVID Guidance: Effective January 20, 2022

Returning to School after Symptoms:

- If a person with COVID-19 symptoms tests negative for COVID with either a molecular (PCR) or antigen test, they may return to school following existing school policies as long as they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19 and subject to quarantine.
- If a person with COVID-19 symptoms tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 with an antigen test, it is recommended, but not required, they either have a confirmatory PCR test or repeat an antigen test within 48 hours.
- If a person with COVID-19 symptoms does not get tested for SARS-CoV-2 or does not see a health care provider and given an alternative diagnosis, they should follow the same isolation guidance as persons who test positive for SARS-CoV-2. This is irrespective of vaccination status.

Isolation:

Isolation is when someone who has confirmed COVID-19 stays home and away from others.

Any student or staff member with COVID-19 should isolate at home. This isolation guidance applies regardless of vaccination status.

If a student or staff member tests positive by either a molecular or antigen test, they can return to school when the following criteria are met:

- 5 days have passed since symptom onset, or since positive test collection date if no symptoms are present
- **AND** - No symptoms are present, or symptoms are resolving;
- **AND** - No fever within the past 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Students and staff should continue monitoring for symptoms and wearing a well-fitting mask around others through day 10 (days 6-10) both in and out of school, including during extracurricular and sports activities.

No test is required to return to school from isolation.

Quarantine

Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time.

Who Must Quarantine*:

Students and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after their last close contact with a person who has COVID-19 if they are in one of the following groups:

- Have not completed the primary series of recommended vaccine (2 doses of Pfizer & Moderna or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson) including the two-week curative period.
- Those who are not vaccinated or have not fully completed a primary vaccine series.

* note that this guidance differs from DOH guidance

Who Does Not Need to Quarantine:

Students and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they:

- Have received all recommended vaccine doses, or
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

Duration of Quarantine:

Quarantine can end after 5 full days beginning after the last close contact (the date of last close contact is considered day 0) if :

- no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result from a test taken no sooner than day 5.
- The test can be either antigen or molecular (PCR). Home tests are not allowed.

Students and staff must wait to receive a negative test result from a test taken no sooner than day 5 post-exposure and provide the negative test documentation to the school before returning.

Proof of a negative COVID-19 test includes the original, a copy, or a photo of a document or other communication from the test provider or laboratory that shows:

- The first and last names of the individual tested.
- The type of test performed (must be molecular or antigen).
- The date the specimen was collected (must be on or after day 5 post-exposure).
- A negative result.

Students and staff should continue monitoring for symptoms and wearing a well-fitting mask around others through day 10 (days 6-10) both in and out of school, including during extracurricular and sports activities.

If an individual or student who is a close contact chooses not to test or does not get tested, quarantine should last for 10 days after the last close contact.

However, if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 10 days, the individual should isolate and get tested.

SMS Weekly Batch Testing

Skyview Middle School weekly batch testing will continue every Monday during advisory. Batch testing will take place on Thursdays during advisory when there is no school on Monday.

Positive Batch Test Result - What Would Next Steps Be?

If your student is identified as having a positive result from a batch test taken at Skyview Middle School, ***each student and parent/guardian will be notified directly by Assistant Principal Nico Bonder.*** This would not mean they have COVID-19. It simply means someone in their batch of people had tested positive. To determine if your student is COVID negative, an individual confirmatory test will be required.

- Any **fully vaccinated person** in a positive batch does not have to quarantine but does have to get a confirmatory negative test (details will be provided if contacted).
- Any **unvaccinated person** in a positive batch does have to quarantine and has to remain in quarantine until they receive a confirmatory negative test (details will be provided if contacted).

FAQs:

Where and when is testing?

Confirmatory PCR testing for **vaccinated students** can happen at:

1) Pop Keeney Stadium located at 9809 NE 188th St, Bothell, WA 98011. **You Would Need to Register** for a specific time. This testing location is only for NSD students and staff and unfortunately, cannot accommodate other family members. You can register your student and sign up for a testing time by visiting this website: [Register for a COVID Test](#).

OR

2) During the school day at SMS. Email Mr. Bonder nbonder@nsd.org with questions regarding this process since there are outside steps that need to be taken by parents/guardians. In addition, due to the high volume of tests, opportunities may become limited or unavailable.

Confirmatory PCR testing for **unvaccinated students** can happen at:

1) Pop Keeney Stadium located at 9809 NE 188th St, Bothell, WA 98011. **You Would Need to Register** for a specific time. You can register your student and sign up for a testing time by visiting this website: [Register for a COVID Test](#). This testing location is only for NSD students and staff and unfortunately, cannot accommodate other family members.

OR

2) Private health care provider.

After the test, results will be emailed to the address provided at check-in. Results are expected to be in the portal 24 hours after the lab receives the test. If more than 24 hours has passed and you have not received an email with your student's results, you can **call/email Assistant Principal Nico Bonder** to see if the results are available.

Will I be charged for the test?

No, the confirmatory PCR test is free.

What do I need to bring for the test?

Those being tested will be asked for their name, date of birth, email address where results will be sent, and a student ID card, if available.

What if I don't want my student to have a confirmatory test?

In the absence of a negative test, there is a mandatory 14-day quarantine for those who are unvaccinated before returning to in-person learning. *However, there is no requirement your student take the confirmatory test provided by the District. You may elect to have a PCR confirmatory test by your health care provider or at a local clinic or pharmacy (e.g. – Walgreens) within three days.*

Vaccinated students and staff will need to provide proof of taking a confirmatory test within three days of being informed that they were in a positive batch.

The District will accept these outside tests if the following information is shown: student's name, date of the test, result of test and the document identifies the test provider.

What if my student is fully vaccinated?

Fully vaccinated means both doses and the two-week curative process for Moderna and Pfizer or one dose of Johnson & Johnson and the same two-week curative process. Proof of vaccination will be required to avoid quarantining until confirmatory testing. You will need to notify your school that your student is fully vaccinated. **Be prepared to provide proof of your student being fully vaccinated to Nurse Jennifer Celms - jcelms@nsd.org**

Throughout the pandemic the information for K-12 education has continued to change. The information above is the current process for Northshore's positive batch testing results.

Questions can be e-mailed to Assistant Principal Nico Bonder nbonder@nsd.org and Nurse Jennifer Celms jcelms@nsd.org.

Thank you for your help in keeping Skyview MS Students healthy and safe.

Third Season Sports - PAUSED

As of now, middle school sport season #3 is still on hold. NSD continues to assess the situation and the hold will be lifted once contests can be safely held and all safety guidelines, including those mandating testing, can be satisfied.

Build Better Together: Our February 8 funding measures

Into the new year, we will continue to share information about the three funding measures on the February 8, 2022 ballot for our District. These measures will support our work to build better together: modernizing schools, sustaining technology, and increasing opportunities. Every school in our district will receive support through these measures.



The renewal Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy continues day-to-day operations that are not funded by the state.

This includes providing funding for nurses, mental health counselors, academic supports and extracurricular activities.

The renewal Technology levy continues funding to maintain our investment in technology for our students. From classroom technology and innovative learning, to technology training, the levy ensures our students and staff have access to the resources to thrive in a digital learning environment.

The Capital Projects bond will address our highest facility needs by funding additional classrooms and learning spaces to address overcrowded schools. It will also reduce reliance on portable classrooms and make necessary repairs to our buildings.

Specific to our school, Skyview will receive safety and technology infrastructure improvements including updated equipment for video monitoring systems, emergency preparation, wireless networks, and updated network wiring in older locations as well as expanded wireless coverage in under-served areas. We will also receive technology devices for students and staff on a four-year replacement cycle, new classroom technology tools to support innovative learning, adaptive technology tools to support individual student learning needs, and ongoing training opportunities for staff.

The annual school tax rate is projected to decrease during the four years of the measures. With an all-mail election, please watch for your ballot arriving around January 20 and remember to vote. Ballots must be returned by Election Day on February 8.

Learn more about the bond and levies: <https://www.nsd.org/bondlevy>.

World Language Competency Test Information

On Monday, January 17, registration will open online to participate in World Language Competency Testing here in Northshore. Registration will close on Monday, February 7. This is an opportunity for students who can read, write, listen and speak a language other than English to earn up to four competency credits and/or the Seal of Biliteracy designation on their high school transcript. More detailed information about the test and earning credits can be found on the [World Language Competency Test website](#). Here is the pertinent information regarding the upcoming testing opportunity:

- Date/Time—Tuesday, March 1st, from your school's start time to end time. Check-in for the test can begin 30 minutes beforehand.
- Location—Students' home schools (all middle and high schools)
- The test is open to grades 7th through 12th
- The test registration is open through the end of 2/7 via this form: shorturl.at/kyzR3
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All of this information can be found on the WL testing website: [World Language Competency Test website](#). Please refer to the attached [frequently asked questions](#) document for more details. It's also easy to find the WLCT website from the district main page. Click In Our Schools / Assessment / World Language Competency Test or use the shortcut URL www.nsd.org/wlct

Home Internet Access

The FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) has become the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Information about these excellent programs for providing families true high-speed Internet access at their homes (and not just the limited access that a hot spot provides) is available at <https://www.nsd.org/internetaccess>.

The website above provides information regarding eligibility and application process. Any family eligible should definitely apply.

Skyview National Junior Honor Society

Skyview Middle School Honor Society recognizes students with exemplary academic achievement (3.5 cumulative GPA or above), citizenship, leadership, and community involvement (10+ hours of volunteering). In addition to meeting all the core requirements, students must apply each school year in order to be considered for annual membership. Applications open after first semester and are due by March 31st. Students accepted into Honor Society will be invited via acceptance letter to a formal induction ceremony in May of each school year.

- To watch a video with more details of what NJHS is, how to apply, and how to join the Schoology group, please watch this [informational video](#) from the advisor, Ms. Tanya Subcleff (tsubcleff@nsd.org).
- Students and families can view all the NJHS requirements and application documents on our [website here](#).
- Students should also join the Schoology group for updates, volunteer opportunities, and EARN day sign-up links. The Schoology Group Access Code is CBJR-2869-ZD5CK.

PTSA Update



Spelling Bee is Moving Online

Registration is now closed for the Skyview Spelling Bee, and as you can imagine, we are moving the Spelling Bee to the online environment this year, as we did last year. The great news is that the Scripts National Spelling Bee is ready to support virtual Spelling Bees, so this will be a great event!

Registered families: please [click here](#) for more information. The Virtual Spelling Bee will open on Wednesday, January 26, and will be available until Monday, January 31.

Also, thank you to all of you who considered volunteering for the Spelling Bee, but with the move to the online platform, volunteers are no longer needed.



Upcoming Food Pantry Delivery Dates –February 2 and 16, 2022

The Skyview and North Creek Food Pantry will be making deliveries on February 2 and 16. If your family could benefit from food assistance, please complete the [Food Pantry Food](#)

[Request](#) forms. If you have questions, please contact us at skyviewfoodpantry@gmail.com.

PTSA Newsletter Archive: [Click here](#) for the newsletter archive and to add your email to the mailing list

Questions? Click here to email 2021-2022 Skyview PTSA President, Melissa Kline

Information from Previous Family Newsletters

Previous news/information from the Family Newsletter can be found on the Skyview Middle School Website.

<https://skyview.nsd.org/bulletin>

Topics include:

Attendance Information

Car Rider Safety Information

Covid-19 Protocols

FAQs about the Covid-19 vaccine for minors

Mask Reminders

NSD Required Forms

Quarantine Learning Support

Skyview Spirit Wear

StudentVUE

Technology Reminders

Volunteer Information



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