

# New Student Welcome Guide





Dear New Northwest Classical Academy Families,

My name is Matthew Reger, and I am the Head of School at Northwest Classical Academy. It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you and your family! Congratulations on being accepted as the newest members of the NCA community. Our commitment to providing a content-rich, classical education that shapes both the minds and the hearts of our students is at the center of everything we do.

NCA offers families many advantages in education, including:

- A rigorous, liberal arts curriculum
- An emphasis on virtue and character development
- Well-supported teachers who lead knowledge-centered classrooms
- A smaller public school option where every student is known
- A K-12 school experience
- High-quality athletics and fine arts programs

As you embark on this educational journey with us, know that you are not just joining a school but becoming part of a supportive and vibrant community dedicated to fostering the growth and success of every student. I look forward to meeting you and your family in person and witnessing the incredible journey that lies ahead for each of our students at Northwest Classical Academy.

Once again, welcome to the Spartan community!

Warm regards,

Matthew Reger Head of School

#### **Uniforms**

In order to create a learning environment where students can focus on the pursuit of knowledge and virtue without unnecessary distraction, NCA students wear uniforms.

Many of the necessary items can take up to three weeks if supply is low.

Please purchase all of your uniform items through our approved vendor, Uniform Source. You may try on uniforms at the Uniform Source store and order in person or online.

Uniform Source 2141 Cobb Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA (770) 919-9967

Financial assistance is available for uniforms. Please see section below.

#### Click here to learn more about Uniforms at NCA.

#### **Financial Assistance**

Families wishing to receive consideration for financial assistance for uniforms, school supplies, field trips, activities, and after-school programs, should visit the financial assistance page on the NCA website. Please note, the process for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) is separate and requires its own application. Please read through all of the information provided and complete all steps in order to be approved.

You may find more information along with the paperwork below, and paper copies are also available in the front office from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday during the summer.

For any questions about Financial Aid, please email FinancialAid@nwclassical.org. For questions about Free and Reduced Lunch, please email FRL@nwclassical.org

Click here to learn more about Finanical Assistance.

# **After-School Program**

NCA manages its own after-school program which will allow the instruction in virtue and character that our students receive during the school day to continue seamlessly into the hours after school. Registration will begin on July 15.

Click here to learn more about the After-School Program.

# **School Supplies**

On the first day of school, each student will have all of the necessary supplies and organizational materials on their desk and ready to be utilized. Parents will purchase supplies from the school rather than at retail stores. Parents will receive invoices for the supplies via ParentSquare in the first two weeks of school. Notifications about the cost of supplies will be communicated in July.

NO ACTION IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

Invoices for families receiving financial aid will be adjusted.

NCA does not provide criteria for student backpacks/book bags apart from the following:

- Bags should be full-size (large enough to fit a folder or binder)
- Bags should not have wheels
- Bags should be able to fit easily into a student's locker or cubby.
- Choice in print or design should reflect and uphold the student's daily pledge to learn the true, do the good, and love the beautiful.

#### Lunch

Beginning July 15, families may set up an account with ChefAdvantage, view menus, and begin ordering lunches. Our school code is NCA44. When ordering lunches for the first few days of school, choose any teacher assignment and then edit the teacher choice in your profile after teacher assignments are given at Open House.

- Cost of school lunch: \$4.58
- **Ordering schedule:** Order for the entire month, week, or day-by-day; as long as order is placed by 9am the day before lunch service.
- **Lunch from home:** Students are welcome to pack a lunch from home.
- **Allergies:** The cafeteria will have peanut-free zones, which are determined by home room assignment.

<u>Click here to learn more and set up your account with ChefAdvantage.</u> <u>Click here to begin ordering lunches.</u>

## Free & Reduced Lunch Program

The Free and Reduced Lunch program (FRL) application for the 2024-2025 school year will be available beginning July 1.

If you have questions or would like to request FRL, please email FRL@nwclassical.org.

#### **Parent Volunteer Association**

NCA encourages parents, teachers, and community members to volunteer through the Parent Volunteer Association (PVA). The PVA supports the mission of the school by providing assistance with special events, campus and classroom operations, teacher appreciation and support, community building, and more.

#### **Level 2 Training**

Each year, every parent volunteer must be cleared as a "Level 2" volunteer in order to volunteer in any capacity at NCA. Level 2 volunteer status does not carry over from year to year. Level II training for the 2024-2025 school year will open on July 1. We strongly encourage you to take the training before the school year begins to be pre-cleared. If you have any questions about the process, please contact pva@nwclassical.org.

<u>Click here to access the Level 2 training and the additional training required</u> to volunteer in the cafeteria.

#### **Athletics**

NCA has a robust offering of athletics programs for students in grades 6-10 for the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Information regarding tryouts and summer training for volleyball and cross country will be communicated soon. Please plan for your student athlete to attend tryouts and info meetings before the start of the 24-25 school year. Tryout dates TBD.

For questions about athletics or to be added to communications for upcoming sports, please email ghawkins@nwclassical.org

Click here to learn more about the athletics program.

#### **Fine Arts**

The Fine Arts program at NCA provides students encouragement and facilitate a space where students can create beauty in a variety of different media including the visual arts, theatrical arts, and musical arts. Lower school students enjoy music or art everyday. When students reach high school they will have the opportunity to take fine arts electives. The Fine Arts department also offers a wide variety of after school programs.

Click here to learn more about Fine Arts at NCA.

#### Clubs

NCA does offer after-school clubs in both the fall and spring semesters. Club signups will take place after the school year has begun. Clubs are based on teacher interest and will change from year to year.

Click here to learn more about Clubs.

### **ParentSquare**

NCA will use ParentSquare for the 2024-2025 school year for school-wide communications, teacher newsletters, and announcements for student and parent interest groups.

New families will receive access to ParentSquare on July 1. New families are strongly encouraged to download the ParentSquare App to ensure you do not miss important information from your child's teacher or from NCA. Please wait until the conclusion of the current school year to ensure there aren't any issues with your child's current school, if applicable.

<u>Click here to download the ParentSquare App.</u> <u>Click here to visit the ParentSquare FAQ page.</u>

# **Infinite Campus**

New NCA families may begin accessing their Infinite Campus Portal on the first day of classes. Infinite Campus is used to view the student's class schedules, attendance records, and grades.

If you have any questions regarding Infinite Campus, please contact the registrar: registrar@nwclassical.org.

Click here to learn more about Infinite Campus.



# Northwest Classical Academy graduates will enter the world as **knowledgeable**, **virtuous citizens**.

# Northwest Classical Academy graduates will...

...have acquired the knowledge taught in our American classical, liberal arts curriculum; they have an appreciation for the great works in literature and history, math and science, art and music, government, politics, and philosophy that shape their heritage.

...have mature reading, thinking, writing, and speaking skills.

...have enduring stories, characters, events, art, and poetry committed to memory for their edification.

...have an informed vision for their lives and the wisdom and character to achieve it.

...embody the virtues: courage, courtesy, honesty, humility, perseverance, self-government, service.

...value goodness, truth, and beauty in all aspects of their lives.

...hold fast to wonder and curiosity.

...pursue excellence, justice, responsibility, meaningful relationships, and give of themselves to causes greater than themselves.

...love the principles of freedom, discipline, and responsibility; they love friendships grounded in virtue; and they love great books. ...know the story of our country, the heights of its foundational claims, the complexities of its paradoxical tragedies, and a hopeful belief in their own agency to shape its future and their own.

...have a conviction of the importance of family, moral virtue, and education as the means to good government and the happiness of mankind.

...eagerly lead and serve in their family, community, and country.

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The Spartan Fund is used to help offset the cost of general operating expenses; things we will need year over year to give our students the absolute best educational experience. We ask for all families to donate toward the Spartan Fund each year beginning July 1. By giving every year, our families are not only contributing dollars; they are renewing their commitment to the Northwest Classical Academy mission of forming knowledgeable and virtuous citizens.

