

Pirate Press August 14, 2026

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Back-to-School Information

Rise and shine, Pirates!

It's that wonderful time of year again where summer is coming to a close and the new school year begins. We are excited to welcome our students back into the building in just over two weeks.

Registration and 9th Grade Orientation are coming up next week, and there is plenty to get ready for as we kick off another great year at NKN. We have included some helpful information below to help everyone transition smoothly into the new school year, including important details about our new bell schedule. (Mr. Keefauver has been practicing his countdown voice all summer!)

We are looking forward to another year of learning and growth!

Stay Classy Pirates,

Christy Hartford and Ryan Keefauver

Upcoming Events

- 8/17: Fall sports practice begins
 - 8/21: Freshman Orientation (LINK Day)
 - 8/24-8/27: Inservice Week
 - 9/1: 1st Day of School, Senior Sunrise, Welcome Assembly
 - 9/2: Standards Meeting, Club Rush
 - 9/7: No School
 - 9/14: Picture Day
 - 9/21-9/25: GEAR Up Week
 - 9/28: PD Day, NO SCHOOL
 - 10/9: Homecoming game
 - 10/10: Homecoming dance
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9TH GRADE ORIENTATION SAVE THE DATE!

Friday August 21, 2026

9:00AM-12:30PM

NKNHS Lower Gym

Lunch will be provided

Buses will be available for transportaton

This is only for incoming 9th grade students.

**Any questions? Call the school at (503) 355-3553
or email margaretw@nknhsd.org
or jennab@nknhsd.org**

Bus Times- 9th Grade Orientation

Freshman Orientation August 21st

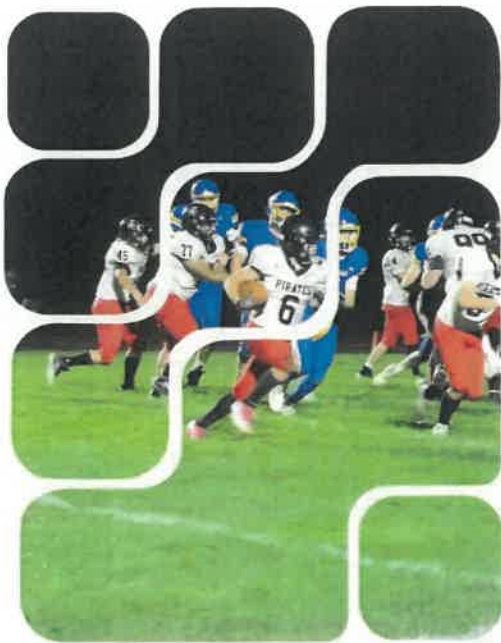
<u>North bus</u>	<u>pick-up</u>	<u>Drop-off</u>
Manzanita City Hall	8:35	1:20
Nehalem Fire Station	8:37	1:23
Nehalem Food Mart	8:40	1:15
Hemlock & Hwy 101	8:45	1:10
NKN High School	8:55	1:00
<u>South bus</u>	<u>pick-up</u>	<u>Drop-off</u>
Bay City Art Center	8:30	1:30
Garibaldi		
Hwy 101 & 3 rd	8:38	1:18
Hwy 101 & 10 th	8:41	1:15
Rockaway Beach		
Hwy 101 & 2 nd	8:48	1:07
NKN	8:55	1:00

Freshman Orientation

We're eager to welcome your freshman to high school, and look forward to meeting them at Freshman Orientation!

Orientation will be held at the high school on Friday August 21st, from 9 am to 1 pm. Buses will be available to pick students up at the activity stops, should your student require transportation to the High School. I have attached the pick up and drop off times and locations below

Join us and our Link Leaders as we go over all things Freshman year and what your student can expect in High School!



YOUR GUIDE TO PIRATE ATHLETICS

NKN FALL SPORTS PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19TH
6:15 PM
NKN CAFETERIA**

Registration Information

Link to online registration:

- [Click here](#)

Registration forms:

- [Bus Registration](#)
 - [Military Connected Family](#)
 - [Medication Self-Administration Agreement](#)
 - [Medication Administration Consent](#)
 - [Weapons Letter](#)
 - [Asbestos Letter](#)
 - [Calendar](#)
 - [NKN Health Questionnaire](#)
 - [McKinney-Vento](#)
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1st Day of School Bell Schedule

Assembly	8:50-9:10	20 mins
Breakfast	9:10-9:20	10 mins
Period 1	9:25-10:10	45 mins
Period 2	10:14-10:59	45 mins
Period 3	11:03-11:48	45 mins
Period 4	11:52-12:36	44 mins
Lunch	12:36-1:06	30 mins
Period 5	1:10-2:01	51 mins
Period 6	2:06-2:56	50 mins
Period 7	3:00-3:50	50 mins

Cell Phone Information

In July 2025, Governor Tina Kotek released Executive Order No. 25-09 which requires that all Oregon school districts have a policy in place that restricts the use of personal electronic devices from the start of regular instructional hours to the end of regular instructional hours.

Each student will be assigned a Yondr pouch—a secure, lockable case for storing personal devices. Students are responsible for bringing their pouch to and from school each day and keeping it in good condition.

- **Upon arrival:** Students power off their phone, AirPods, and smartwatch (or switch to airplane mode), place all devices in the pouch, and lock it during their first class.
- **During the day:** Students keep the locked pouch in their backpack or locker.
- **At dismissal:** Students unlock pouches at designated stations to retrieve their devices.

This process is quick, simple, and will be supervised by staff as part of our daily routine.

Staying Connected

With student safety as our top priority, we will follow our standard safety protocols in the event of an emergency. If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact our main office at 503-355-2272.

We know that change takes partnership—and we're here to support a smooth transition for your family. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a focused, present, and positive school environment for every student.

To best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in the adoption of the Yondr Program at our school. See the [website](#) for more information and FAQs.

Parking Lot Traffic Flow Change

The main entrance to the HS and in front of the gym will finally be 1-way this year. Please be mindful of the change when you return to school this fall.



Proposed Traffic Change

1. Change traffic flow past the south side of gymnasium to one way flow.
2. Provide a large standing stop sign at intersection.
3. Provide Bus Loading Zone on south side of gym.
4. All traffic from Middle School and East Parking will now exit out South onto NE Lake Blvd.
5. Parking in West Parking will exit onto HWY 101.



Parking Permits

If your student plans to drive themselves to school, please note that a completed Auto Permissions Form and proof of auto insurance are required to park on campus. To receive a parking permit sticker, please bring the following items to Lexie in the main office:

- Completed Auto Permissions Form
- Copy of vehicle insurance
- Student's driver's license

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Lexie via ParentSquare or email at alexisf@nknsd.org.

Parking Permit Form

Weekly Bell Schedules

M, T, F Bell Schedule

Period 1	8:50-9:41	51 mins
Breakfast	9:41-9:51	10 mins
Period 2	9:55-10:46	51 mins
Period 3	10:50-11:41	51 mins
Period 4	11:45-12:36	51 mins
Lunch	12:36-1:06	30 mins
Period 5	1:10-2:01	51 mins
Period 6	2:06-2:56	50 mins
Period 7	3:00-3:50	50 mins

Wednesday Bell Schedule

Period 2	8:50-10:20	90 mins
Breakfast	10:20-10:35	15 mins
Advisory/Intervention	10:40-12:10	90 mins
Lunch	12:10-12:40	30 mins
Period 4	12:45-2:15	90 mins
Period 6	2:20-3:50	90 mins

Thursday Bell Schedule

Period 1	8:50-10:20	90 mins
Breakfast	10:20-10:35	15 mins
Period 3	10:40-12:10	90 mins
Lunch	12:10-12:40	30 mins
Period 5	12:45-2:15	90 mins
Period 7	2:20-3:50	90 mins

Good News!



GEAR Up takes students to DC!

We're incredibly proud of Neah-Kah-Nie students Zelda and Kaymen for representing not only our district, but the entire state of Oregon on the national stage!

After being selected as two of just 150 student leaders nationwide to attend the 2026 GEAR UP Youth Leadership Summit, they had the opportunity to speak in front of more than 2,000 college access leaders at the NCCEP Conference in Washington, D.C. Congratulations, Zelda and Kaymen! Thank you for representing Neah-Kah-Nie with confidence, leadership, and pride. Your hard work and dedication continue to inspire our entire school community.



FBLA went to Nationals!

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for FBLA Nationals and traveling to San Antonio to compete this summer!

- **Andrew Browne**
- **David Haines**
- **Zelda Hooker**
- **Quinn Scalabrin**
- **Sophia Shepard**
- **Bryar Konruff**
- **Xandre Haight**
- **Carter Olson**
- **Elias Ayala Mondragon**
- **Gabe Lyons**

Friday Night 5G Lights!

Great news, NKN fans! Your amazing support has helped us win the @TMobile **#FN5GL** \$5K Fridays sweepstakes! T We're so proud of our Pirate spirit! But we're not stopping here! Help us make it all the way to the end and get involved by spreading the word on social and tagging **Neah Kah Nie School District #56** with **#NKN56** and @TMobile with **#FN5GL** and **#Entry**. Let's keep the energy high and show off our Pirate pride! Thank you all for being part of this journey!

Link to Video

Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out via the following links:

- (503) 355-3551
- christyh@nknsd.org
- www.nknsd.org

