NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER November 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER:

As we move into November, it is hard to believe how quickly the school year is going. The excitement of the first day of school has settled into our daily routines, our students are learning and growing, and our schools are busy with activities, events and opportunities for success.

November is a good time to slow down for a moment and reflect on what we are thankful for. In our district, there is a lot to appreciate. One of the greatest blessings of being in a small community is that we know one another. We see our students participating in activities, our families supporting our schools, and our community members stepping up whenever there is a need. That sense of connection is something special, and it is one of the things that makes our district such a great place to learn and work.

Our schools are more than just buildings. They are a reflection of the community we serve. The support, encouragement, and involvement of our families and community members make a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for the many ways you continue to support our schools and the people who work in them.

As we head into the colder months, I want to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day in the classroom matters. Students benefit from lessons, conversations, relationships, and routines that happen each day. We understand that illness and unexpected circumstances arise, but making school attendance a priority helps our students stay connected and keep moving forward.

I also encourage parents to continue communicating with your child's teacher. A quick conversation, email, or phone call can go a long way in helping us work together to support your child. We are all on the same team, and when families and schools work together, our students benefit.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers, support staff, administrators, bus drivers, custodians, food service employees, and everyone who helps our schools run each day. So much of what we do happens behind the scenes, but it does NOT go unnoticed. Your time, patience, and commitment make a difference in the lives of our students.

I am also appreciative of our parents and community members who attend events, volunteer, encourage our students, and support our schools in big and small ways. In a small district, those acts of kindness and support matter more than you may realize.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope each of you finds the time to enjoy the simple things that make this season special, time with family, a meal shared with friends, and a chance to appreciate the people around us.

Let's continue to encourage our students to work hard, treat others with kindness, take pride in their accomplishments, and give their best each day. We do not have to be perfect, but we should always strive to improve and be a little better than we were yesterday.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your children's lives and for making our district such a special place to call home. I am grateful to serve this community and proud of the work we are doing.

I wish all of our students, families, and staff a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with rest, happiness, and time with the people who matter most.

With gratitude,
Mr. Murdock
Superintendent

CALENDAR EVENTS:
5- Swim Meet @ South Summit
6- Swim Meet @ Gunnison
11- Board Meeting
13- Swim Meet @ Manti
17- Father & Sons Wrestling Fundraiser
18- Boys Basketball w/ Juab
19- Swim Meet @ Millard
19-21- Girls Basketball @ Union Tournament
25-27- Thanksgiving Break

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:
Parents, it's your right to request and receive information on qualifications of your child's teachers. Please feel free to contact the schools or district office if you would like any information regarding teachers' qualifications.

STUDENT ALERT:
If you know of a student, age's birth – 21 who may have a disability that would interfere with learning, please contact the principal or special education teachers at the school.

CHILD FIND-SPEECH THERAPY:
As the speech-language pathologist for the North Summit School District, I want to make sure I am serving all children ages 3 and up that required speech therapy. Here are some guidelines from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (asha.org) to let you know if your child may need services:

Hearing and Understanding:

- Hears you when you call from another room.
- Hears television or radio at the same loudness as other family members.
- Answers simple who, what, where, and why questions.

Talking:

- Talks about activities at school or at friends' homes.
- People outside of the family usually understand child's speech.
- Uses a lot of sentences that have 4 or more words.
- Usually talks easily without repeating syllables or words.

By 3 years of age, your child should be 75 – 100% understood by their parents.
If you have any concerns about your child's speech or hearing, please feel free to contact me by phone:
Allison Tanner 435-565-6571

NORTH SUMMIT ELEMENTARY

Picture Retakes- 4th
Book Fair - 18th - 20th

Sick Day Guidelines
If your child meets any of the following criteria, please keep them home:

Fever: Temperature is 100 degrees or higher. Student may return to school when student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea: Student has nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Student may return school when student has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours.
Colds/Cough: Student has a very runny nose, secretions are not at a controllable/containable level, and/or a cough that the student cannot control. Student may return to school when secretions are controlled/contained and cough does not in interfere with routine activities.
Sore throat: Student has a sore throat with or without fever in combination with any of the following: headache, upset stomach, or rash.
Other: Student is too uncomfortable to concentrate in class because of other complaints.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep students healthy and safe.

NORTH SUMMIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

End of Trimester: November 23
Thanksgiving Break: November 25-27

Friendly Reminders:
Please keep your child's lunch balance up to date. If you need to check your child's balance, please call the office. Remember you can still apply for Free and Reduced lunch. We have forms in the office.

Please call the office before 9:00AM to report your child's absence.

NSHS BRAVES NEWS

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY
Our Annual Veteran's Day Assembly will be Wednesday, November 11th at 9:00 am
We will feed our Veteran's breakfast that morning at 8:00 am.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS
November, 11th 2:30 pm will be auditioning for the Musical

NSHS COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

ACT
The next ACT test is scheduled for December 12. The registration deadline is November 6. Students may register at act.org

College Admissions and Scholarships – Apply NOW
NOW is the time for seniors to be filling out their admission applications. Many colleges combine their admission and scholarship applications. Students need to be admitted before they can be considered for scholarships. BYU has a priority deadline of **November 1**. University of Utah, Weber State and Utah State have deadlines of **December 1**. Please check your school of choice for these very important dates.

SHARP Survey
The SHARP survey will be given to high school students with parent permission on November 3 and to middle school students with parent permission on November 4.

SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATIONS & FORMS:

School lunch fees will be charged beginning the first day of school. Please make sure to apply for Free & Reduced Lunch as soon as possible.
Students who will require Special Meals, Accommodations, or Milk Substitutions, will need to submit a medical form to Trisha Butters at tbutters@nsummit.org. You may also turn it into the office or send with your student to give to the lunchroom. This form, along with Free & Reduced Lunch applications, are included in the newsletter, can be found online at www.nsummit.org, and are also available at the district office.