

# NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN Connection

*One Faith, One Family, One Legacy*

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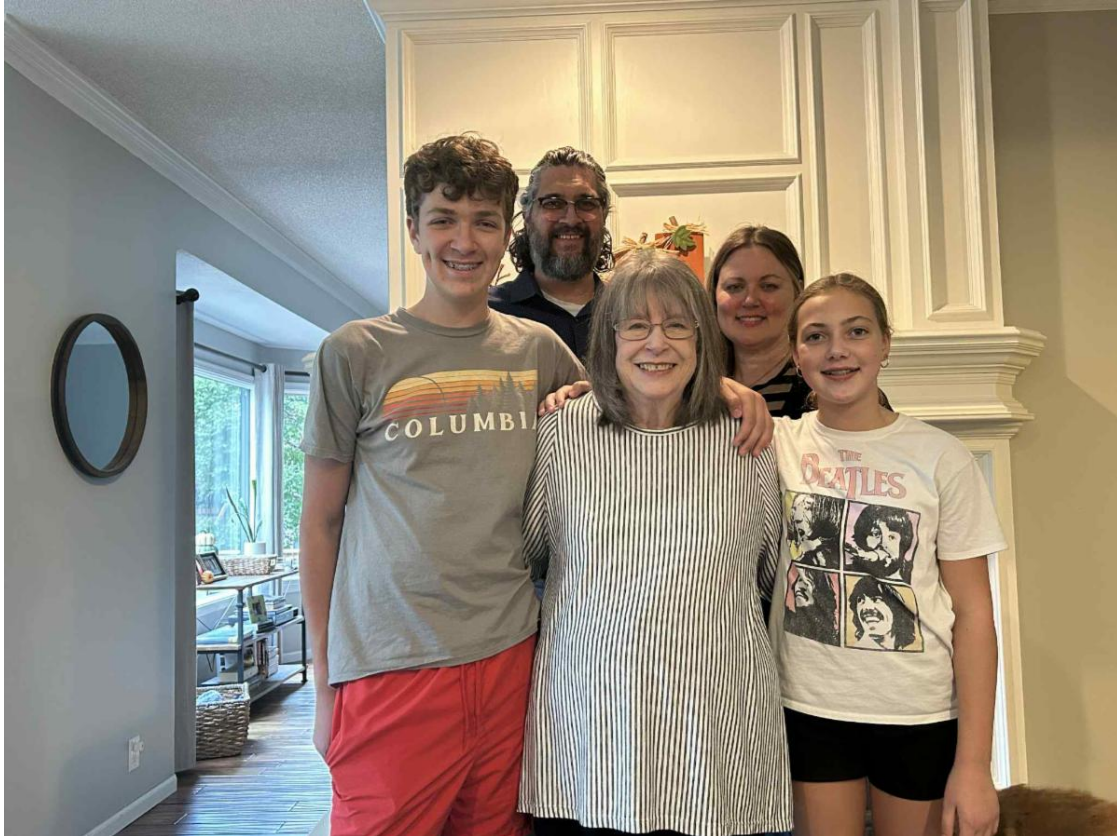
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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - Brad Eatherly (Class of 1994)**

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After graduating from Northland in 1994, Brad spent time working on the Apollo program for NASA. Following this he attended Harding and Lipscomb Universities where he graduated with a degree in History. In Brad's words, "Talk about a random degree!" Brad married Alicia and had two children - Harrison, who is now 14 and in the 8th grade, and Eva, who is 12 and in the 7th grade. Brad received his Master's degree in Historic Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. The Eatherly family then moved to Great Falls, Montana, in 2017 where Brad took a position as a City Planner. Brad's mother, known to most at NCS as Ms. Eatherly/Ms. Smith, taught History, Psychology, and Government at Northland from 1982-2014. She moved to Montana to be near Brad and family in 2021. In 2023, the family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where Brad is a Senior City Planner. Mrs. Eatherly/Smith lives about three miles down the road from Brad and enjoys being near family. Brad's brother, Adam (NCS class of 1997), and his wife also live in Kansas not far from Brad. When not planning cities, Brad likes to watch the Astros, the Rockets, and Tennessee Volunteer football and basketball. The Eatherly's enjoy hiking and camping as a family. Brad enjoys photography, collecting vinyl records, and being a podcaster. One podcast he created and co-hosts with a friend is called "Slow Pitch." This podcast reviews sports movies. The other podcast is a review of all of the Billboard #1 songs in history. It's called "Jammin' on the 1s." Both podcasts are successful, hilarious, and heard by millions around the world!

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## ELEMENTARY

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### Robotics

The Robotics Club has geared up and gotten off to a great start. This club is filled with 34 eager elementary students wanting to learn more about robotic programming and engineering. This after school activity promotes collaboration and the use of various STEM skills, while encouraging students to be inventive and original thinkers.







## Elementary Praise Team

September saw the kickoff of our Elementary Praise and Worship team led by Tamara Nelson. This team of 11 5th graders will lead worship at Elementary Chapels on dates when we have guest speakers. The team is off to a great start and will lead worship for the first time at chapel on Thursday, October 9. Come worship with us!

Back row: Allison Ramirez, Jennifer Trieu, Kennedy Williams, Shelby James

Middle row: Annie Nguyen, Emilie Durdin, Ramona Congdon, Lillian Jabori, Emme Bekker

Front row: Henry Zachary

Not pictured: Duke Owens





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## Mrs. Norwood's 3rd Grade

3rd grade hosted chapel this month. They did a great job explaining how all are made special by God!

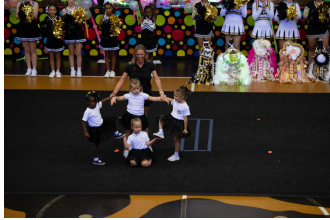


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## Homecoming Week!

Elementary Homecoming Week was packed with excitement and school spirit! Each day brought a fun dress-up theme—like Pajama Day, Camo Day, and Colors Day—filling the halls with laughter and creativity. Midweek, students and staff gathered early for “See You at the Pole,” joining in a moment of reflection and unity. The week wrapped up with a lively flag football game, where students cheered on their classmates and teachers in a fun, friendly match that brought the whole school together. It was a week to remember!

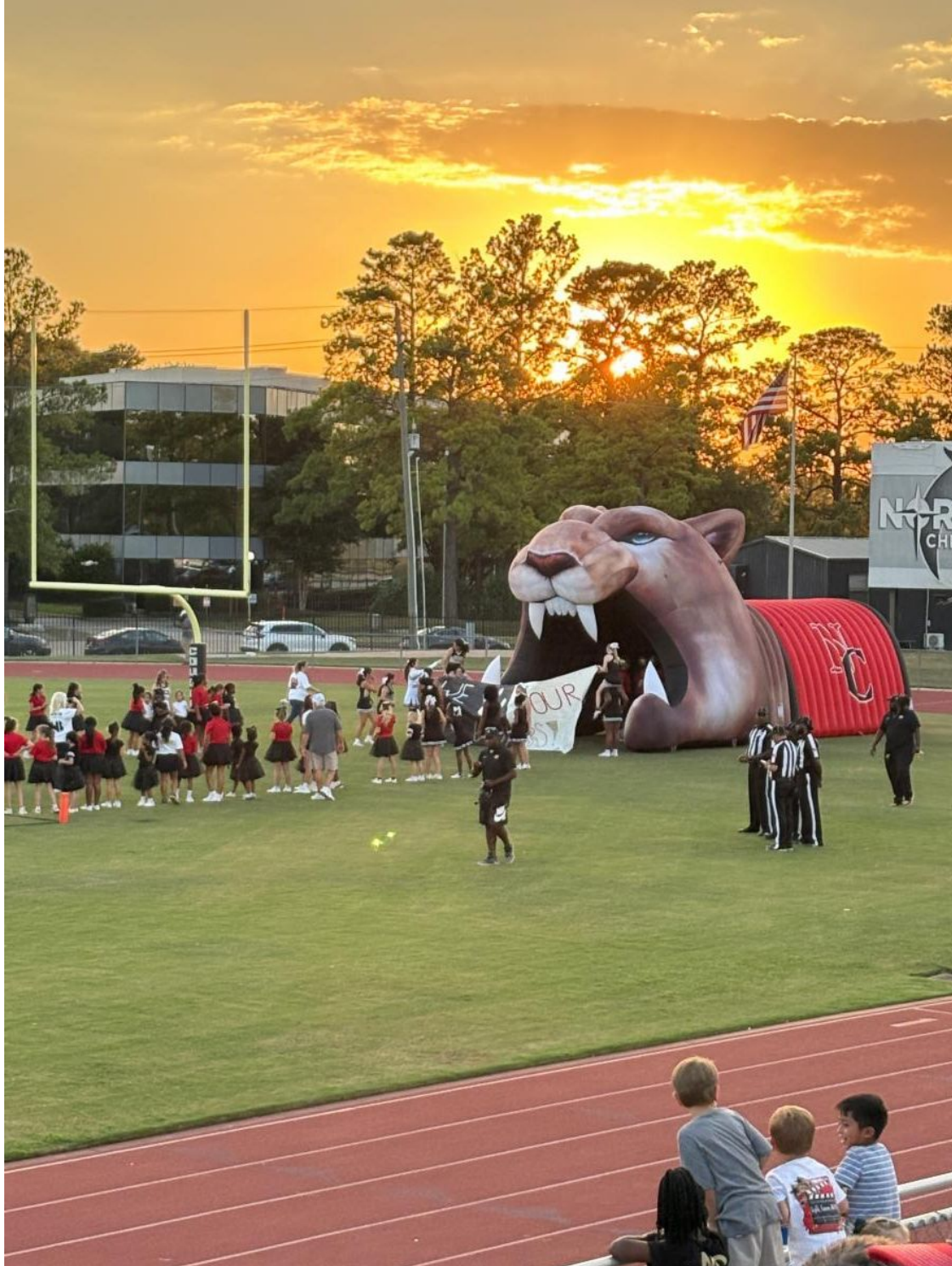












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## SECONDARY

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**Science National Honor Society Induction**





The induction ceremony for Northland's chapter of the Science National Honor Society was held on September 18th. Mrs. Hermsdorf and Mr. Driver welcomed (from left to right) Greg (Secretary), Samara (Historian), Tony (President), Henry (Vice-President), Alex (Activity Coordinator), and Margo (Treasurer - Not Pictured) to this prestigious group and to their officer positions. In order to be a part of the Honor Society, students have to maintain a 4.0 GPA and a 4.5 GPA in science classes including at least two Honors science courses during or prior to their junior year. They must also be in a second level science class chosen from AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, or Anatomy and Physiology. Congratulations to each of these students on this incredible achievement!

## Northland Christian Drumline

The Northland Christian Drumline and Bucket Brigade "Sound of Spirit" is reaching out to High School, Middle School, and Elementary school students who would like to become members of this special group of students. No prior experience is necessary, only a desire to share your energy and school spirit at football games, basketball games, pep rallies, and special school events. Please contact Brother Patrick at [bcallahan@northlandchristian.org](mailto:bcallahan@northlandchristian.org)



The Cougar Drumline kept us all in rhythm on Friday at the Pep Rally and Varsity football game. Brother Patrick does a fantastic job leading students from both the Elementary and Secondary student bodies!



## Debate Highlights

Debaters had two record-setting weekends in Dallas at the Grapevine Classic and the Greenhill Fall Classic. These national circuit tournaments are considered some of the hardest in the state and attract competition from all over the country. At the Grapevine Classic, over 75 private and public schools from 14 states attended; with only nine students competing, Northland Christian School placed 7th overall! Individually, it was an incredible weekend for our debaters with students winning multiple debate divisions and receiving bids to the elite Tournament of Champions in multiple events. At Greenhill, the team continued the success by placing well in several events!

### Grapevine Results

Shepard Boyd: Tournament Champion in Congressional Debate; TOC bid recipient  
 Aiden Buchanan, Paige Bryant, Margo Meaney, La'Rya Prince, and Kate VanWormer: Tournament Champions in World Schools Debate  
 Margo Meaney: Fourth place speaker award in World Schools Debate  
 Liam McDonald: Quarter-Finalist; TOC bid recipient

### Greenhill Results

Liam McDonald: Octo-Finalist; 6th Speaker Award; Liam was also one of 14 students invited to compete in the prestigious Greenhill Round Robin!  
 Kate VanWormer: 2nd Place with Team Texas and Texas Sunchasers  
 Margo Meaney: Quarter-Finalist with Team Texas and Texas Trailblazers








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## Psychology Students Study Distracted Driving

As part of a lesson on the nervous system, Psychology students did a lab to test their reaction times. They compared reaction times when they were focused on the task (catching a ruler) and when they were distracted by their partner. Students related the slower times when distracted to the real-world situation of texting and driving.




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## Student Council Blood Drive

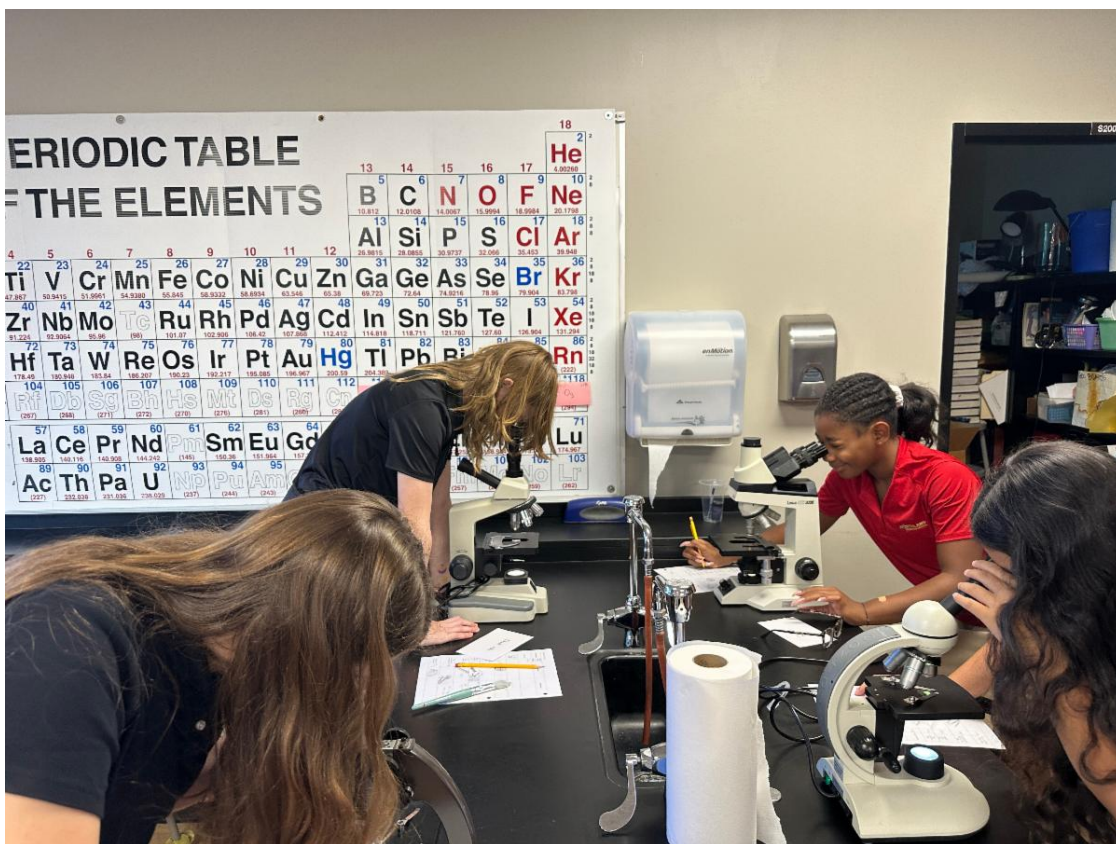
Yesterday, Student Council hosted our first blood drive of the year for the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Danielle Danso and Grace McCathran led the drive as blood drive chairs as we had 24 successful donors and saved a total of 72 lives!

Thanks to everyone who came out to make the drive such a success!



## Life Science Labs

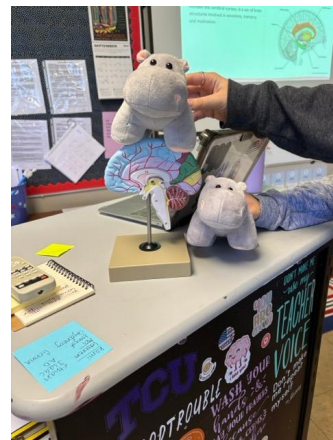
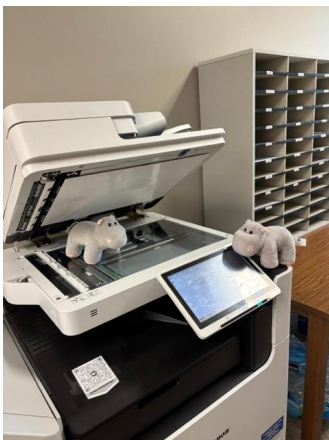
Northland 7th graders spent a day this week learning to correctly operate compound microscopes. They learned the "ins and outs" of how to carry a microscope, how to set up a specimen, and focusing with the eyepiece, coarse adjustment knob, and fine adjustment knob. Finally, they drew pictures and noted interesting observations of cell specimens.





## Psychology Students Study the "Hippo"campus

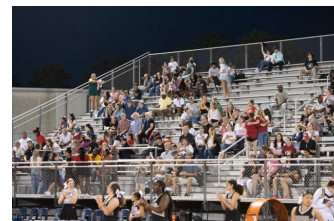
AP Psychology students took pictures of their "hippo on campus" as part of our brain unit. This helps us remember the hippocampus is the part of the brain that helps us make memories.



## Homecoming Happenings



Northland students, faculty, and staff enjoyed a fantastic week of fun leading up to our Homecoming game and dance on September 26-27th. We dressed in our pj's, camouflaged like crazy, color blocked our Wednesday, rhymed without a reason, and wore all white for our black-light pep rally! We wrapped up the week with a 38-32 win in overtime while Mr. Driver and Coach Lemm crowned Ethan Glass and Claire Hummel as Homecoming King and Queen. It was certainly a week to remember!







## See You At The Pole

Student Council led our annual "See You at the Pole" time of worship. Members across all areas of the Northland community met before school on Wednesday, September 24th to worship and pray for our community, school, and country. How blessed we are to be able to share this time together!



## Orchestra Ovations

CONGRATULATIONS to our fabulous musicians who all earned a spot in TMEA Region 33 Philharmonic Orchestra!!! Students from 5-6A public schools competed and our students did an excellent job!! Violin: Abi 2nd, Lexi 7, Makena 15, Melody 24, Cello: Bronson, 8. Congrats, everyone!

Northland's secondary orchestra performed the Star Spangled Banner last Friday night as is our Homecoming game tradition. As always, they awed us with their talents!





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## ATHLETICS

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### Varsity Volleyball

Our Cougar Varsity Volleyball team caught fire just as district play began. They are currently 2-0 in district and are looking to make a run for the playoffs! Way to go, ladies!







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## Varsity Football and Cheer

The Cougars have been showing up and showing out this throughout the season! Led by seniors Jackson, Reilly, and Spencer, the Cougars continue to come up victorious. They capped off the month of September and our Homecoming week with a fantastic overtime win against Burkeville. Spencer scored the touchdown in OT as the Cougars finished with a 38-32 victory. Way to go, guys!

The Cougars are cheered mightily by our Varsity Cheerleading squad. These ladies practice hard and always represent our school with class and pride. We are so blessed to have them! Pictured from left to right are Valerie, Mia, Addi, Emma, Tina, and Ariel.







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## High School Cross Country

Northland's middle school and high school cross country teams have had a successful season so far with a strong showing at both the Providence and Spring Baptist meets. Faith and Sophie came home with medals from the Providence meet! Way to go, Cougars!





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## Middle School Volleyball

Northland's Middle School volleyball team is wrapping up a season filled with growth!



The B team has come away with several victories and the A team continues to shine in each outing!



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## Middle School Football and Cheer

The Cougar Middle School football team has played hard in each of their games this season. They are small in number, big in heart, and well supported by the Varsity players. The Northland community is extra proud of these guys!

The team has also been supported by our fabulous Middle School cheer squad led by Mrs. Downey. They arrive at school extra early for practices and work hard to cheer their team on to victory! Pictured from back to front and left to right are: Makayleigh, Hallie, Sophia, Nyla, Brooklyn, Skylar, Isabella, and Olivia.







## October Lunch Menu

### OCTOBER 2025 ELEMENTARY NCS

#### DAILY GRAB & GO

INCLUDES FRESH VEGETABLE  
AND SMALL FRUIT CUP

Sunbutter & Jelly on Wheat

Ham Sandwich on Wheat

Turkey Sandwich on Wheat

		1 Chicken Fettuccine Brussel Sprouts Focaccia Bread	2 Waffles Bacon Hashbrowns Baked Cinnamon Apples	3 Quesadillas (Chicken or Cheese) Mexican Cole Slaw Grapes
6 Grilled or Fried Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Cauliflower	7 Ground Beef Tacos Brown Rice Black Beans Grapes	8 Pasta Bar Grilled Chicken, Penne Pasta, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Tomato Basil Sauce, Alfredo Sauce	9 Pancakes, Eggs, Chicken Sausage, Carrots, Oranges	10 FALL BREAK
13 FALL BREAK	14 FALL BREAK	15 Mac & Cheese Bar w/ Maple Bacon Squash Honey Brown Butter Sage Bread	16 French Toast Sticks Bacon, Spinach Pineapple Chunks	17 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza House Salad Mini Slice of Pumpkin Bread
20 Baked Potato Bar Chopped BBQ Chicken Cheese, Bacon, Sour Cream, Chives \$8 Premium Meal Chopped Brisket Potato	21 Balsamic Grilled Chicken Bites Garlic Mashed Potatoes Sweet Peas Grapes	22 Nut Free Creamy Pasta Bowtie Pasta Grilled Chicken Cesar Salad Focaccia Bread	23 Pigs in a Blanket Brown Sugar Cinnamon Oatmeal Red Apple Slices	24 Grilled 3 Cheese or Pepperoni & Pesto Sandwich w/ Tomato Basil Soup Oranges
27 Warm Turkey Sliders Homemade Chips Ants on a Log (Made w/Sunbutter) \$8 Premium Meal Jalapeno Popper Burger	28 Grilled or Fried Chicken Nuggets Lima Beans Sweet Corn	29 Spaghetti & Meatballs Red Sauce Broccoli Herb Dinner Roll	30 Breakfast Tacos Bacon, Egg & Cheese Roasted Potatoes Red Apple Slices \$8 Premium Meal Salmon, Spinach Roasted Potatoes	31 Ham & Cheese Pizza Pocket House Salad Oranges

OTHER DAILY OPTIONS: BAKED POTATO BAR, VEGETABLE ENTREE'S, & GLUTEN SENSITIVE MEALS

## OCTOBER 2025 SECONDARY NCS

### DAILY GRAB & GO

<b>Monday</b> Sandwich Bar
<b>Tuesday</b> Shrimp Basket
<b>Wednesday</b> Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich
<b>Thursday</b> Burger Day
<b>Friday</b> Chicken Tenders

		1 Chicken Fettuccine Brussel Sprouts Focaccia Bread	2 Chicken & Waffles Hashbrowns Baked Cinnamon Apples	3 Quesedillas (Chicken or Cheese) Mexican Cole Slaw Grapes
6 Chicken Fried Chicken Mac & Cheese Cauliflower	7 Birie Tacos Brown Rice Black Beans	8 Pasta Bar Grilled Chicken, Penne Pasta, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Tomato Basil Sauce, Alfredo Sauce	9 Meatball Sub Tater Tots Carrots or Chicken Makhani w/ Basmati Rice	10 FALL BREAK
13 FALL BREAK	14 FALL BREAK	15 Mac & Cheese Bar Grilled Chicken Bites or Maple Bacon Squash Honey Brown Butter Sage Bread	16 Build Your Own Bowl Tender Steak or Chicken Herb Rice, Queso, Pico Corn & Bean Blend	17 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza House Salad Mini Slice of Pumpkin Bread
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