

COUGAR CUBS

Northland Christian Elementary School

Important Dates

- **9/30/25 - Honor Choir - Part 1 Begins** - Rehearsals will take place in the Elementary Music Room at 7:15 am. Please meet Mrs. Nelson on the 2nd floor outside balcony of the Elementary Building. Younger siblings may go to the cafeteria on Honor Choir mornings for no charge at 7:15 or they can wait in the car until carpool opens at 7:30.
- **10/1/25 - Honor Choir - Part 2 Begins, 2nd-Grade Field Trip to Jesse Jones Homestead** - 2nd-grade backpacks & folders are not needed, but bring a sack lunch and water. 2nd-graders should wear their red NCS polo, jeans, and sneakers. We will be walking a long way in rough terrain.
- **10/1/25 - State of School Address** - We warmly invite all Northland parents to join us for our upcoming State of the School address on October 1st at 6 pm in the NCS gym. This is a special opportunity to hear directly from school leadership about our vision, exciting updates, and the many ways God is at work at Northland.
- **10/2/25 - 5th-Grade Music Performance of Seussical Excerpts** - The 5th grade will present excerpts from Seussical the Musical for kindergarten and first-grade students from 9:30-10:00 am in the Elementary Music Room.
- **10/3/25 - 5th-Grade Parent Science Fair Meeting/3rd - 5th Grade Science Conferences** - Please plan to meet Mrs. Owens in the Elementary Science Lab from 7:30-8:15 am to learn more about the upcoming 5th-grade Science Fair. Mrs. Owens will conduct parent-teacher conferences, following the meeting.
- **10/8/25 - Secondary Fine Arts Chapel** - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades will attend the Secondary Fine Arts Chapel for an on-site field trip. We look forward to seeing the fantastic performances and what lies ahead for our Cougar Cubs in secondary school!
- **10/9/25 - End of the First Quarter** - Congratulations on a job well done!
- **10/10/25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School for Students**, Conferences will be held with the homeroom teachers in grades PK3 through 5th Grade. Sign-Up Sheets are linked in the informational passage below.
- **10/10/25 - Vaccination Clinic to be held on Campus** - Please look for details soon from Nurse Johnson.
- **10/13-10/14/25 - Fall Break - No School for Students** - Enjoy the extra time with family!
- **10/15/25 - 1st Day of Quarter 2** - Let's make it a great quarter of growth and fun!
- **10/16 - 10/29/25 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - Look for details from Mrs. Blossom. Pumpkins must be artificial and decorated as a storybook character. We can't wait to see your creativity!
- **10/16/25 - NO LATE START for Elementary, Muffins with Mom Event** - We invite the special female figures in our Cougars' lives to join us for breakfast and Chapel. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 am in the Cafeteria and Chapel will follow in the Gym., **1st Grade Field Trip to Daikin Park** - Make sure to complete your field trip permission slips to attend! Look for additional details from the 1st-grade teachers! Students will depart after Muffins with Mom.
- **10/21/25 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Camp Olympia** - Please note that 3rd Grade must arrive to campus early as departure for Camp is at 7:30 am sharp. Please plan accordingly. We will provide reminders closer to the date.
- **10/24/25 - 4th Grade Spirit Game** - 4th Grade will participate in their annual Spirit Game. We invite all 4th-grade parents to join us for a 2:25 pm start. Please park in the Student Parking Lot and check in at Elementary Students Services for a Visitor's Badge.
- **10/24, 10/25, 10/26/25 - Fall Musical** - Check the Northland News updates for show times and how to purchase your tickets! It is sure to be a great production of *James and the Giant Peach*!
- **10/27/25 - 50th Day of School Celebration (Kinder and LEAP)** - Class newsletters will outline our plans for the 50th Day Attire and celebrations!
- **10/28/25 - NCS Preview Night** - Encourage your neighbors, friends, and Church communities to come check out all that Northland has to offer. PK and kindergarten are quickly filling. Make sure to let interested parties know to apply now! WE ARE NORTHLAND!
- **10/31/25 - Storybook Character Parade, No Halloween Celebrations** - Students may dress as a Storybook Character. If possible, bring your book in to share with your classmates! Mrs. Blossom will send home additional details regarding costumes.



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Parent-Teacher Conferences - 10/10/2025

Friday, October 10, 2025 is a school holiday for students. We invite all parents and guardians to join us for Parent-Teacher Conferences. The conferences are scheduled for fifteen-minute increments so we can share student successes, discuss areas for growth, and address any concerns you may have. Please note, all academic teachers in grade levels that are departmentalized will share data with the homeroom teacher. You will be able to get an overview of all academic subject areas and student work habits. The teachers have shared the Sign Up Sheets in their weekly newsletters. You may also access these Sign Up Sheets, [here](#). Meetings with specials teachers are by appointment. Please contact the Specials Teachers via email to secure a time. We look forward to meeting with you!

Cougar Council Representatives - See You at the Pole

We elected our Cougar Council representatives for the 2025-26 term after hearing compelling speeches from the vice presidential and presidential candidates. Their confidence and poise made the races close. We are excited for Allie Ramirez to serve as president and Grace Medrano to serve as vice president. Their first big event was our recent See You at the Pole ceremony. The Council did a fabulous job leading us in this important celebration, and we look forward to their leadership this year.



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See You At the Pole



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PK-12 Student Mentorship

In the preschool and elementary school, we have been capitalizing on the blessing of a PK-12 institution. In addition to cheer and flag football, we have developed other opportunities for our older students to mentor preschool and elementary students. We have recently piloted a program that hires high school students to work under the supervision of adult staff in Extended Care. Classes are partnering with our 5th-graders to serve as writing buddies. They review, edit, and share ideas with our 5th-grade authors. We have had secondary guest readers visit our preschool classes. We are looking forward to possibly piloting a tutoring/study buddy program to pair high school students with middle and elementary students for after-school homework help or tutoring. This program would give our secondary students an important opportunity to develop their leadership skills, earn service hours or some extra cash, while creating a cost-effective method for getting elementary and middle school students quality tutoring.



Mrs. Fischer's 7th-Grade Class and Mrs. McCathran's Senior Class Helping our 5th-Graders Edit



5th-Grade Spirit Game

Seeing our first Spirit Game of the year was amazing! We appreciate the work of Coach Abt and Jones in coordinating these fun events, and it was overwhelming to see so many parents come out to participate. We welcome our 4th-grade families to join in the fun on October 24, 2025!



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5th-Grade Spirit Game Fun

Fall Book Fair and Summer Reading Awards

The Fall Book Fair was a great success, and we are grateful to Mrs. Blossom and all of our volunteers who made this event possible. Our parents and guardians' involvement in their children's education truly makes a difference. Recently, we also acknowledged the recipients for the Summer Reading Challenge. The number of minutes read was unbelievable! Great job, Cougars! Readers are leaders!

5th-Grade Summer Reading Award Recipients



Extracurricular Programs

As of September, we have launched most of our fall extracurricular programming and activities, including a new Robotics Club for our younger Cougars. Cheer has had overwhelming participation, from our preschool Cougars through 5th grade. We were excited to see them perform their cheers and stunts for the first time at our recent 5th-grade Spirit Game. They also performed at the Homecoming Pep Rally and Game, bringing plenty of spirit. Coach Janine Cervantes has done a wonderful job. H5th-Grade Spirit Game Fun er team of assistants really motivate the girls to participate well.

We have launched a new Wednesday flag football program, led by Coach Hobbs, his team of coaches, and participating high school athletes. The kids are enjoying the program and demonstrated their skills at the Flag Football scrimmage before the Homecoming game.



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Flag Football Fun, Our Robotics Club Members, Spirit Cheerleaders



Field Trips

We are excited to launch our field trips for the year. Second-grade students will visit the Jesse Jones Homestead for historical reenactments. First grade will tour Daikan Field to learn about Houston landmarks and Astros history. Third grade will focus on nature studies and team-building at Camp Olympia. Kindergarten and LEAP students will attend a performance of Mary Poppins and have lunch at a local park. These diverse activities and cultural and historical experiences help create a well-rounded education for our students.

Please note that we have implemented some extra safety and security measures surrounding field trips. First, all parents and guardians must authorize us to take students off-campus and provide emergency contact and medical information via our new Day Field Trip Permission Slip. Second, we are requiring all students to travel via bus transportation to and from venues. Parents and guardians, who have completed the Volunteer Background Check, may meet us at the venue to chaperone events. We welcome your participation in our Northland Family!

Thank you for your support of these new protocols, ensuring all student safety. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance!



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Homecoming Festivities

We had the best time during Homecoming Week. Student participation in our Dress-Up Days, the Pep Rally, Flag Football Games, the Tailgate, and the Varsity Football Game was unbelievable! Check out @ncselementary on Instagram for some reel highlights of our week or visit our Smugmug [link](#) to see all the fun! Thank you for taking the time to help our Cougars plan great outfits and for your attendance at the game. We are proud of the Cougars' hard-fought victory in overtime! **WE ARE NORTHLAND!**

