

New School Year – New Programs

The mission of the North Mason School District, together with our community, is to educate, empower, inspire and prepare all students to graduate confident in their abilities to meet life's challenges and opportunities. We are consistently working to build systems to better serve our students from early childhood through high school.

To this end, the 2018-2019 school year will showcase many additions to the schools and district, including the opening of the Mary Theler Early Childhood Learning Center, a career counselor for North Mason High School and James Taylor High School as well as a new 6th grade orientation day at Camp McLeod.

The two high schools are implementing AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination to help improve the academic culture. AVID's mission is "regardless of students' life circumstances, AVID students overcome obstacles and achieve success". They graduate and attend college or begin careers at higher rates, learning to think critically, collaborate, and set high expectations to confidently conquer the challenges that await them. This program will commence this year as an elective class for a group of sophomores, adding an AVID class each year thereafter until there is one class at each grade level. Strategies learned through this program will eventually be used by all teachers, building wide.

The district is also implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Support focusing on Whole Child/Whole School/Whole Community. The key components are a fully integrated organizational structure, family and community engagement, early identification of struggling students, proactive and effective problem solving, and strong and engaged leadership teaming.

In addition, the district is partnering with Peninsula Community Health to provide a health clinic on the secondary campus. Initially, this clinic will be available to students and staff to support physical and mental health and will be located in the former band room at the Community Gym. Due to required revisions to the space, PCH staff will operate out of the high school and middle school nurses' offices until the new space is ready.

We strive to meet the needs of all students in an ever-changing society and ask that our community continue to support us in this effort. Your school board will continue to advocate for fair and equitable funding from the state, while managing your tax dollars prudently. We thank you!

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