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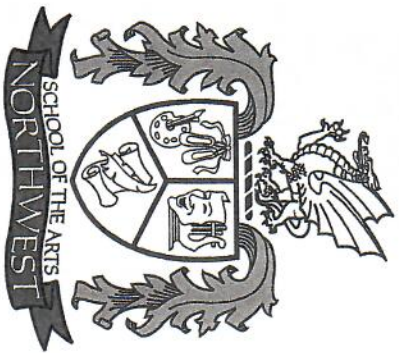
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BE DECISIVE! Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with <i>flat squirrels</i> who couldn't make a decision.	1B AP Testing Week	2A NATIONAL TEACHER DAY! 6-7 PM BOB Mtg. E101 AP Testing Starts	3B 4:30-5:30 PTO Board Mtg. Auditions for Music 4:30-7 PM Fashion Show Rehearsals	4A Fashion Show/ Kelvington Dress Rehearsal 4:30-7 PM BB Dance Auditions	5B Thomas Davis Foundation Mtg. Special Event 2nd Block ILT Mtg. Spangh Fashion Show/ Kelvington 7 PM BB Allstate Band/Lowe	6 Fashion Show/ Kelvington 7 PM BB Allstate Band/Lowe MS Dance Concert/ McCloud & Winn @ Booth Playhouse in Founders Hall 2 & 5

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14 Mother's Day Senior Week!	15B Honors Piano Recital/Stonell 7 PM BB Senior Kickball after school Senior Break-fast	16A ELC Mtg. 7 PM BB HS Chorus Concert @ Mathews United Methodist Church Senior Picnic and Field Day	17B MS & HS Orchestra Concert/Hefner @ 7 PM BB ILT Mtg. @ NWSA 7:30 AM Senior Painting	18A HS & MS Band concert/Lowe 7 PM BB Senior Movie Night BB	19B National Dance Honor Society Inductions 6 PM BB	20 Armed Forces Day
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21 Orchestra Recital 2:30/Hefner Peninsula Yacht Club Dinner/ Stonell 6-8 PM Blunney Awards Night (7 PM?)	22A Laptop Refresh for Teacher Revolves Day and PD during plan periods for Digital Citizenship	23B "Starting today, look around your boat and start pushing out the people not paddling." Daxona Meyer	24A Spring EOG's, EOC's, NCFE's, Final Exams Window to June 9 SS6, 7, Math 8 EOC's HS IA Exam Review 1:30 IB or Elective Exam	25B 5:30-6:30 Parent Meeting for interest in Repertory Scholarship Sci 6, 7, ELA 8 EOC's HS IB Exam 1:30 Review 2A or Elective Exam	26A Poetry Home/Bachelor 7 PM BB ROY EOC & BOG window Possible Leadership Movie Night MS Makeup and Review HS 2A Exam 1:30 Review 2B or Elective 8th grade field day	27 My greatest blessings call me "Mom."
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28 Stop Trying to fit in, when you were BORN to STAND OUT!	29 Holiday Memorial Day	30B MS Makeup and Review HS 2B Exam 1:30 Review 3A or Elective Exam	31A Shavuo No testing: Makeup only Regular Bell Schedule	Life has no remote. Get up and change it, yourself!	Melody Sears
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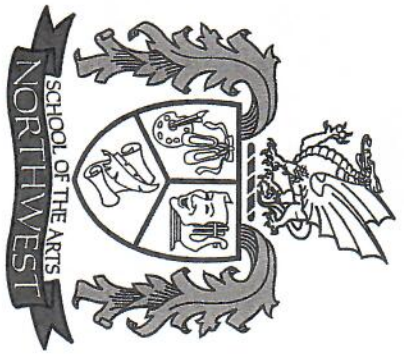
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	"You are always one decision away from a totally different life." anon		Life is short. Take the tip. Buy the shoes. Eat the cake.		1B Shavuoct No testing Makeups only 4:30-6:30 Auditions Senior Assembly Awards Day Registration for new 6-12 students and makeups for first lottery 4:30-7:30 PM Media Center	2A SS 8 and NCFE Exams MS Makeups and Review Periods HS 3 A Exam 1:30 3B Review or Elective Exam	3 SAT 8th grade Social 4-9 PM BB
4		5B MS Math 6, ELA 7, Sci 8 BOG's HS 3B Exam 1:30 4A Review or Elective Exam	6A Piano Boosters 6 PM 4-5:30 Graduation Rehearsal @ Owens HS 4A Exam 1:30 Review 4 B or Elective Exam	7B Faculty Mtg 8:45 PTO Board Mtg 8:9 AM 2 4 Celebration for the Arts /HS MS ELA 6, Math 7 HS 4B Exam and Williams' grade 8 Math I exam 1:30 Review 1A or Elective Exam	8A 6th Grade Field Day and Awards 9-11, 11-2:15 6th grade on field behind gym, 2:15-4:15 in cafeteria for movie for 6th grade Exam Makeup Day Regular Bell Schedule	9B Report Cards Last Day of School! 10-12 8th grade awards ceremony Title I transfer period ends Exam Makeup Day Regular Schedule	10
11		12 Required Teacher Work-day Makeup Day #8 SLT Mtg. 8 AM	13 Required Teacher Work-day	14 Optional Teacher Work-day Flag Day 11:30 Graduation	15	16	17
18	Father's Day	19	20 CMS Leadership Conference	21 CMS Leadership Conference	22	23	24 Stop saying 'm hard to shop for SURELY you know where the bookstore is.
25		26	27 If you ever find yourself in the wrong story,	28	29	30	Melody Sears

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Day/Date	Wednesday May 24	Thursday May 25	Friday May 26	Tuesday May 30	Wednesday May 31	Thursday June 1	Friday June 2	Monday June 5	Tuesday June 6	Wednesday June 7	Thursday June 8	Friday June 9
Middle School EOG Testing Block	SS 6 SS 7 Math 8 EOG's	Sci 6 Sci 7 LA 8 EOG's	MS Make Ups & Review	MS Make Ups & Review	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	SS 8 NCFE's MS Make ups/Review	Math 6 LA 7 Sci 8 EOG's	MS Make Ups	LA 6 Math 7	Make-Up Exams "A" Day	Make-Up Exams "B" Day
9:15 – 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Regular Bell Schedule	Regular Bell Schedule	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	Students remain with Assigned EOG testing teacher until 1:30	REGULAR Bell Schedule these two days	
High School Testing Block	HS 1 A	HS 1 B	HS 2 A	HS 2 B	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	HS 3 A	HS 3 B	HS 4 A	HS 4 B		
9:15 – 1:30										Williams' Grade 8 Math I to take EOC		
MS Lunch 1:35 – 2:05												
HS Review 1:35-2:05												
HS Lunch 2:05-2:35												
Review Or Elective Exam Period 1:30 – 4:15	1 B	2 A	2 B	3 A	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	NO Testing Make-ups ONLY	3 B	4 A	4 B	1 A		
Middle School Highlighted in Green		High School is outlined in Grey										
Middle School Highlighted in Yellow			ALL School is outlined in Orange									

Note: Periods highlighted in YELLOW are special circumstances

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The overview of the Northwest School of the Arts Testing Schedule is below. PLEASE read this information BEFORE you scroll down to see the overview.

Basic Information:

- Middle School Testing is highlighted in GREEN
- High School Testing is highlighted in GREY
- Whole School is highlighted in ORANGE

NC Testing Window:

- Testing will run from Wednesday, May 24th until Thursday, June 9th for ALL other EOC's, EOG's, NCFE's
- It is REQUIRED BY STATE LAW that ALL EOG's, EOC's, NC Final Exams, CTE Exams, Local Exams, and Teacher-made final be administered during this window.

NOTE: The testing calendar is subject to change based on requirements from the state and/or CMS

EC and 504 Accommodations:

- Mr. Sennett will have official EC and 504 Accommodations scheduled for the following ONLY: EOG's, EOC's, NC Final Exams, CTE Exams, Local Exams
- Because we require so many staff members for official testing, Accommodations for TEACHER-MADE exams will be the responsibility of the teacher

Staff Members Involved and Planning Periods:

- It will be an "ALL HANDS ON DECK" scenario for exams. ALL staff members will be utilized as well as volunteer proctors
- Teachers will have a 30 minute "Duty Free" lunch each day, but you MAY NOT have a planning period each day. You will be have TWO EXTENDED planning periods as scheduled AFTER the morning exam times

Exam Schedule "Outliers" – These are highlighted in Yellow

- Mr. Williams teaches a class of 8th grade students who take both the 8th grade Math EOG as well as the MATH I EOC. This is highlighted in yellow in terms of when it will be administered