

# Titan Tribune

August 13, 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

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Picture Day - 8/19

Open House - 8/22

No School - 9/2

SAC Meeting - 9/3

# From the Desk of Mr. Garranchan....

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Thank for your support in ensuring a successful start of the school year!

As we continue to prioritize the safety of our students, we want to remind you of the procedures for navigating the metal detectors at our school. Please review the following guidelines with your child to help ensure a smooth and efficient process:

- **Backpack Placement:** Backpacks should be worn over both shoulders and front-facing to allow for easy removal and storage of items.
- **Items to Hold:** As your child approaches the metal detector, please remind them to have any items that may trigger the system, such as laptops, hard eyeglass cases, and umbrellas, in hand or readily accessible in their front-facing backpack.
- **Keep Other Items Packed:** All other items should remain in the backpack or on their person.
- **Be Prepared:** Encourage your child to pay attention and be prepared as they proceed through the metal detectors.
- **Proper Positioning:** Students should walk directly through the center of the towers. Walking too close to either side may trigger an alert.
- **Do Not Touch the Machine:** Please remind your child not to touch the metal detector.
- **Minimize Jewelry:** Students should refrain from wearing excessive jewelry or chains.
- **Bring Essentials Only:** Students should only bring items necessary for school.

We aim to keep the process swift, with each student taking between 5 and 15 seconds. Your cooperation in helping us ensure a safe and efficient start to the school day is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Let's make this school year the best one yet!

Warm regards,  
Rayner Garranchan  
Proud Principal of Nova Middle School



## Parent-Teacher Conference Request

[Click here to request a Parent Teacher Conference](#)

NOVA MIDDLE  
is proud to announce  
we are an  
“A”  
SCHOOL



*Congratulations to  
all of our students,  
staff, and  
community!*

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## Focus- Student Information System (SIS)

The Focus Parent Portal is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in Broward County Public Schools. For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one place. The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.

To create a new Parent Portal account, you will need a valid email address. Connecting each of your enrolled students will require the following information:

- Student's full name
- Student's ID number (begins with '06')
- Student's date of birth

Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/focus> for details on how to access the Parent Portal.

**[Click here to complete a Transportation Concern Form](#)**

## Transportation

### *Here Comes the Bus App*

All eligible students that have registered for a bus can download a free and easy-to-use website and application that allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus in real-time on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer.

[Click Here](#) for instructions on how to download, register, and access the app.



*You're  
Invited!*

**NOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# **ANNUAL TITLE I OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**TEACHER EXPECTATIONS**

**SCHOOL-WIDE INITIATIVES & INFORMATION**

NMS PTSA will sell PE Uniforms and Spirit Wear  
from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

# Schedule Change Policy

Nova Middle School creates student schedules with careful consideration to each student's academic level and areas of interest. In order to provide consistency for parents, students, and teachers, schedule changes will be kept to a minimum. Before making a request, please review the information below to assure that you fully understand the schedule change policy.

## Requesting a schedule change:

In the rare event that a schedule change is needed, a Schedule Concern must be submitted via the Schedule Concern Form. All Back-to-School Forms must be completed prior to School Counselors processing Schedule Concern Forms. No request may be made through personal meetings, phone calls, or emails. Once the Schedule Concern Form is submitted, the student's records will be reviewed, and a decision will be made regarding the request.

## Reason for changes:

- Student is missing a core class.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on grade level.
- Student was inappropriately placed based on skill level.

If a student received any of their elective choices from their Course Request form, no changes will be made.

## Other Requests:

Nova Middle School will not change student schedules for any of the following reasons:

- Friends are in another class
- Lunch period preference
- Unaddressed behavior or academic concerns

The Schedule Concern Form will be available from 8/13/24 – 8/16/24. [Click here to complete the form.](#)



Visit  
<https://www.browardschools.com/bts-onlineforms> to  
complete Back-to-School  
Forms



# NOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2024-2025 GREEN/GOLD DAY CALENDAR

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
<del>5</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>9</del>
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

JANUARY				
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27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY				
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MARCH				
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24	25	26	27	28
31				

APRIL				
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MAY				
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JUNE				
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<del></del>	Planning Day	No School
ER	Early Release Day	

1st Quarter Begins	8/12	(43 Days)
2nd Quarter Begins	10/15	(42 Days)
3rd Quarter Begins	1/7	(51 Days)
4th Quarter Begins	4/1	(44 Days)

Green: Periods 1-4

Gold: Periods 5-8

Early Release Time: 2:35PM  
School Time: 9:30AM - 4:20PM

# Unified Dress Code

All Nova Middle School students are required to follow the mandatory unified dress code policy. Students must conform to the UDC during all regular school days, including Early Release and Flex Days. Students involved in school sponsored clubs/activities or sports must wear appropriate unified dress code attire or a school issued uniform on game/competition days only.

- Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skorts - Cotton twill “docker style” in hunter green, yellow/gold, black, white, red, navy blue, gray or khaki. No leggings/jeggings or any type of jean pants or corduroys. Shorts must be longer than the fingertips when held down the side of the body or mid-thigh.
- Shirts - Collared “polo style” in any solid color. Nova Middle's PTSA sells Nova “Spirit Shirts” for each grade level. These Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays and are required attire for all field trips.
- Picture ID's - Once student ID's are distributed, all students must wear them either by lanyard or clip.
- Jackets - Jackets must be a solid color. Jackets must be worn with an approved uniform shirt beneath. Students are permitted to wear solid-color vests or cardigan sweaters with the appropriate uniform shirt.
- Shoes - Footwear must be worn at all times. The unified dress code requires close-toed shoes at all times.
- Winter Dress - If the temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, students may wear jean pants that do not have holes and/or rips.





# Rule Change to Create a Distraction-Free School Environment

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, the School Board voted to limit students' access to wireless communication devices during school hours unless authorized by their teacher or other school staff member. The limited access period is from the first bell of the day until the end of the school day, including passing periods and lunchtime.

It is important to distinguish that this is not a ban on cell phones or other technology; it is a means to help your child Elevate their Learning and Disconnect to Reconnect in a Distraction-Free Environment. Your child can possess a cell phone and other electronic devices while at school; however, during school hours, their devices must be off or in airplane mode unless authorized by an adult for instructional purposes. This restriction applies to cell phones, tablets, laptops, headphones, earbuds, AirPods, smartwatches, and any other internet-accessible communication devices. Teachers and other school staff may allow students to utilize their technology during instructional time for various reasons; however, this usage must be pre-approved or directed by a school official.

As we transition our students and families to this new normal, the first two weeks of school, August 12-23, 2024, will be a grace period during which students and parents will have the opportunity to adjust to this new policy without receiving punitive consequences; however, the distraction-free environment will be fully implemented and enforced beginning Monday, August 26, 2024. Violations of the policy after the grace period ends may lead to punitive consequences, including confiscating the device and requiring a parent to pick it up. Students may also be required to serve a detention, internal or external suspension, and potential removal from extra-curricular activities for up to 30 days of repeated violations.

You can find more information and answers to frequently asked questions by visiting [www.browardschools.com/wirelessdevices](http://www.browardschools.com/wirelessdevices).



## Picture Day

Picture Day is coming on August 19, 2024! Lifetouch School Photography, known for capturing school pictures from K-12 nationwide, will take our school photos this year. For more information about Picture Day, visit:

<https://schools.lifetouch.com/for-your-families/>



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County Public Schools

# See Something, Say Something

## Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

**In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.**



### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

**754-321-3500**



### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)

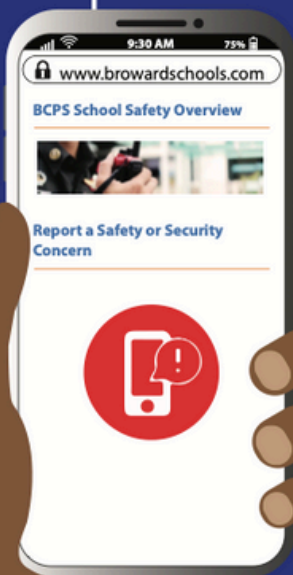


### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)



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