



E-News

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New Faculty Hires

New faculty bios were included in your summer mailings, but since then the NWS community has had two important additions. Please join us in welcoming Mackenzie Prentice and Peter Morgan! For a complete listing of faculty member bios, [click here](#).

Mackenzie Prentice. 6th grade Humanities.

B.A. (Psychology), Western Washington University. Mackenzie attended Northwest from 1997-2004. During her time at Western, Mackenzie worked as a director of an elementary after-school program. She was also involved in intensive research in adolescent identity development and self-expansion through romantic relationships. Mackenzie previously worked in the Admissions department, coaching basketball, teaching in the Summer Program, and is now teaching 6th grade Humanities. Mackenzie enjoys spending time outdoors, cooking, and mixed-media art. At NWS since 2010.

Peter Morgan. Director of College Counseling.

B.A. (English Literature), Sewanee: The University of the South. Peter joins Northwest from the Woodward Academy in Atlanta, Georgia, where he has served as College Counselor for the past five years. Prior to his move to Atlanta, Peter was involved with the creation of the College Counseling program at Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Texas, where he was part of the first college counseling team. He has experience "on the other side of the desk," as well, having worked for a total of five years as an Assistant Director of Admission at both Loyola University of New Orleans and Sewanee: The University of the South. At NWS since 2011.

To read the full announcement about Peter to 12th and 11th grade families, please [click here](#). Senior families will have the chance to meet Peter at the 12th Grade Potluck and College Night (event information is included below).

Fall Trips

The upcoming fall trips are a great way for students to kick off the year. Please make sure that you have turned in all forms and permission slips for your student(s). The required forms are available [here](#) and visit the [online calendar](#) for trip dates and information.

10th Grade Extravaganza

September 14-16, 10th Grade students will participate in day trips throughout the city. The goals of these fun-filled and educational excursions are to give students a chance to get to know each other and bond as a class. Activities include a BBQ at Gasworks Park on Thursday, and a visit to the International District on Friday that includes a historical scavenger hunt, tour of the Wing Luke Museum, and family-style lunch at a neighborhood restaurant. Please contact [Michelle Kowals](#) for more information.

12th Grade Potluck and College Night

Date: Tuesday, September 20

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: NWS Commons

Senior families are highly-encouraged to join us for the 12th Grade Potluck and College Night. College Night programming will kick off at 6:30 p.m. and includes guest speaker Tony Cabasco, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Whitman College, who will share his insight into the college application process. Also on hand will be our new Director of College Counseling, Peter Morgan. For more information, please visit the [online calendar](#) or check out the [College Counseling](#) section of the website.

Alpine Backpacking Trip

Dates: September 24-25

Times: Depart NWS at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, return by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday

Location: North Cascades (Either the Cutthroat Peak area or in the Ingalls Pass/Mt. Stuart area, will be confirmed during the trip planning meeting on September 20.)

The Outdoor Program welcomes students in all grades to participate in the first high-country backpacking trip of the school year. The group will be limited to 12 persons, but if there is sufficient interest, we will divide into two groups to allow as many students as possible to attend. The cost is \$20.00 per person to help cover transportation and wilderness permit costs. Students will be supervised and help is available to students who need to borrow equipment.

More information, including the equipment and packing list, is available on the [Outdoor Program](#) page on the school website. The full trip description and the parental permission form are listed on the page under "Forms for Upcoming Trips 2011-2012." All permission forms and fees are due by noon, September 22. Please contact [Herb Bergamini](#) or [Glen Sterr](#) for any additional information.

Please Re-Submit Your Volunteer Application and Grandparents & Special Friends Forms!

Last week, we experienced a problem with our server that prohibited the submission of Volunteer Applications and Grandparent & Special Friend forms. **If you have already submitted these forms, please do so again by following the steps below.** We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

To complete the volunteer application, please click [here](#).

To access the Grandparent & Special Friend form, please click [here](#).

Instructions on How to Complete Your Form Electronically:

1. Save the pdf to your desktop and title it with your last name.
2. Complete the form, filling out each cell.
3. Click 'save' to make sure your information is captured.

Send the completed form as an attachment to [Lauren Nelson](#).

Course Add/Drop Period

For Upper School students, the add/drop period is this week and forms are due according to the schedule below:

- **12th Grade:** Add/Drop forms for seniors are due in the Registrar's Office by Wednesday, September 14 (before students leave on the Senior Challenge).
- **10th and 11th Grades:** Sophomores and juniors must turn in their forms by Monday, September 19.
- **9th Grade:** Freshmen must have their forms submitted by Tuesday, September 20.

For more information, please see the [Curriculum Guide](#) or contact the Registrar [Catherine Terry](#).

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