Dear Northgate Crossing Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our 2023-2024 school year, we hope you and your family had a restful, joyous break. Thank you for trusting us with the academic and social emotional well-being of your child. Here at Northgate, we strive to provide a nurturing, challenging environment where our scholars can flourish and grow. We are excited to see our little Navigators return.

Here are a few reminders to help ensure a positive, secure, and successful environment for our Navigators.

- **Immunization** – Please make sure your Navigators are up to date on their immunizations. Your child will not be able to be placed on a class roster if they lack the necessary immunization.
  - To find immunization locations near you, please visit the Harris Health System site or call 713-873-TOTS (713-873-8687)
  - If your child has all the required immunizations, please make sure our registrar has a copy of the documentation.

- **Registration** – Parents of returning students may begin the update starting on July 17, 2023. All parent’s information, such as phone numbers, emergency information, and working emails need to be current and updated.
  - If your navigators attended Northgate Crossing Elementary School on an affidavit, you must complete a new affidavit for the 2023-2024 school year. If your family lives in an apartment complex, you must attach a current lease with your registration packet.
  - You can start purchasing school supplies. List is available on our school website and at our campus. Students may not use a backpack with wheels.

- **Attendance** – Students need to attend school on a regular basis, and be on time. Students who often arrive late or leave early have gaps in their learning. Our daily attendance goal is 98% or greater. When we meet this goal, our school receives
extra funding, and an accountability distribution. We have monthly campus-based perfect attendance incentives planned for students who have perfect attendance.

- **Visitors** – all visitors to Northgate Crossing are required to check in at the front office and provide a valid government-issued picture ID. A visitor’s badge will be issued and you will be able to enter the building or check a student out for the day.

- **Volunteer form/background check** – Parents and guardians will be invited to campus activities to observe, participate and/or volunteer. A volunteer form and background check are required for activities throughout the year, such as classroom parties and volunteer opportunities. Please complete the form as soon as possible to allow time for processing. If you are interested please fill out the form here: [https://www.springisd.org/Page/970](https://www.springisd.org/Page/970)

- **Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures**
  
  - School doors open at 7:35am and the tardy bell rings at 8:05. Students dropped off after 8:05 are late to school and will need to be checked in by a parent or guardian.
  
  - Cut off time to pick up students is 2:30. If you need to make a transportation change, please send a note with your student or e-mail [kzelayar@springisd.org](mailto:kzelayar@springisd.org) before 2:30. **We do not take transportation changes by phone.**
  
  - In order to assure the drop off and pick up time procedures run smoothly; you will be provided with a traffic map. You may also view the map by clicking on the following link: [https://www.springisd.org/Page/1832](https://www.springisd.org/Page/1832)
Car Riders

- If your child is in grades Pk-1, you will drop off and pick up your child on site B (the parking lot for the gym and cafeteria.)
- If your child is in grades 2-5, you will drop off and pick up your child on side A (the parking lot in front of the building.)
- If you have children in multiple grades, they will be with the youngest child on the corresponding side for dismissal.
- During the car-ride dismissal, parents must remain in their vehicles.

Walkers

- Students who walk home, may be picked up at the designated parent pick-up in front of the PK playground. PK to 2nd grade students will not be allowed to leave campus on their own, they will only be released to a guardian or parent.

Bus Riders

- Buses will pick students up in parking lot B, in front of the cafeteria and gym. Buses arrive between 3:15 and 3:25.
An important goal at Northgate Crossing Elementary is maintaining a positive relationship with parents and our scholars. A parent and guardian’s participation in their child’s education helps to maintain high expectations and academic achievement for our scholars. We encourage volunteering at Northgate Crossing. We’d also like to invite you to become a member of our campus PTO. Dues for PTO are $10 per family. We will send more information to parents and guardians about this in the upcoming weeks.

We would like to remind you to visit our website often, as it is a resource tool for all upcoming events and activities on and off campus. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other questions regarding the start of the academic school year.