



One Voice. One Vision. One Village.
Every student in every seat will make academic and artistic gains.

Dear Northwest School of the Arts Families,

Welcome back, Phoenix family! I am thrilled to officially open the doors on the 2026-2027 school year. There is so much energy and excitement building across our school, and I cannot wait to partner with you again as we make this our brightest, boldest year yet. Together, as students, teachers, and families, we are One Voice, One Vision, and One Village.

Soaring in Academics. Our scholars are closer than ever to greatness. This year our school-wide Ohio State Test (OST) goal is 85% proficiency, and we are only six points away. Six points! Our teachers are ready with high expectations, relentless support, and the kind of joyful, rigorous instruction that turns “almost” into “achieved.” With your partnership at home, we will close that gap together.

Shining in the Arts. The arts are the heartbeat of who we are, and this year we are growing! Students in Grades 3–8 can now explore two brand-new programs: Music Production and Makeup Application & Beauty Enhancement. These join our beloved offerings in Theater, Dance, Visual & Digital Arts, Band, Culinary Arts, and Fashion. Please look for our updated *Northwest School of the Arts Book of Expectations*, which you will receive and which outlines a few important updates for the year ahead.

Stronger Together. You are an essential member of this Village, and we want to see you in the building! Join us at our Meet the Teacher event, where you will connect with both your child’s arts and academic teachers and receive important class information. Please bring your students along. And mark your calendars now for our free community celebration: **Hope & Harmony: The Northwest School of the Arts Community Kickoff**, on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Families will enjoy free book bags, school supplies, enrollment assistance, family resources, arts activities, and food. With our new Performing Arts Center opening this year, expect even more programs and events that you are warmly encouraged to attend all year long.

A Brand-New Home for the Arts. We are overjoyed to open The Northwest School of the Arts Performing Arts Center this school year! This state-of-the-art building will house our school cafeteria, dedicated spaces for arts classes, and a beautiful new auditorium. Details about our grand opening ceremony are forthcoming, and you will not want to miss it.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Hope & Harmony Community Kickoff: Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Meet the Teacher: Thursday, August 13, 2026, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please bring your students.

First Day of School: Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Doors & breakfast open at 7:30 a.m. • Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. • Dismissal begins at 3:15 p.m.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. Let’s make 2026-2027 a year to remember, full of learning, artistry, and Village pride. I look forward to seeing you soon!

With Phoenix pride,

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