

Welcome Parents and Students!

We are very excited about the new school year and the opportunity to be a part of your child's success here at North Mobile Christian School. Listed in the next pages are procedures and information that will help make this a wonderful year for your child.



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3rd-5th Grade
Classroom Handbook

Please refer to the Family Handbook for additional information and policies.

Parent-Teacher Communication

This year is going to be a year of changes and challenges, but we are confident that each child will be successful. Working together by keeping the doors of communication open will benefit everyone. We will be in close contact with you throughout the school year, to assure the success of your child.

Students will be given a communication folder on the first day of school. This folder is a way of maintaining effective communication between home and school. It aims to eliminate lost notes, goal sheets, lunch menus, newsletters, calendars, and study guides as well as keeping parents informed of important events and academic progress. It will be sent home each day and must be sent back to school each morning.

We are always willing to talk with you about your child and any concerns you may have. If you need to contact any of us, please email, send a note with your child, or call the school office and leave a message. Email accounts will be checked before school and throughout the day. Emails received after school hours may not be answered until the next school day.

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Ways we can stay connected

- Communication Folders (check daily)
- Crusader Corner Newsletter
- Goal Sheets
- Our class Facebook page- NMCS 3-5 ([NMCS 3-5 | Facebook](#))
- School Website <http://www.northmobilechristian.org/>
- School Office: 251. 679. 3279
- Family Handbook
- School email

Goal Sheets and School Bulletins

Every Friday students will receive a Tentative Goal Sheet for the following week. The goal sheet will provide information regarding what we are learning in class and a tentative test schedule for the week. Goal sheets will be placed in a sheet protector in the front of the student's communication folder. Goal sheets should stay in the folder for the student to reference throughout the week. Please review the goal sheet each week with your child. Any information coming from the office will also go home on Friday.

Daily Binders

Every student should have a binder. We will help the students set up their binders during the first week of school. Students will use the binder to file reference papers that they may need to use throughout each quarter for each subject. Students will be responsible for putting their papers in the correct folders and dividers, logging in their journals, and keeping their binders neat and organized. Binders will be checked for a grade each quarter.

Daily Work/Test

Daily grades will count as 34% of your child's average in each subject. Test grades will make up 66% of your child's average in each subject. Grade reports will be available starting in the first quarter through the ParentsWeb portal and sent home weekly via email. Parents should monitor reports and contact teachers if concerns arise.

Discipline/Conduct

It is expected that the students of North Mobile Christian School will conduct themselves in a godly manner and with personal integrity. Our desire is to create an atmosphere in which there is excellence in education and character formation. Rules and procedures will be taught the first few weeks of school and enforced throughout the school year. We will practice daily procedures and allow students time to adjust to their new routines and schedule. Classroom procedures and rules will be stated plainly and positively so that students know exactly what is expected of them. We will use different types of rewards and consequences for behavior.

Everyone will begin each Monday morning with 100 points in conduct. Students will receive one warning daily for inappropriate behavior. Students will be given a warning to change their behavior before being given a conduct mark. If a student chooses not to change their behavior and the behavior continues, a conduct mark will be given and points will be deducted from their conduct grade. Students will receive a discipline note after a third offense of the same nature. The note will be sent home via the communication folder for you to review and sign. We also believe positive reinforcement helps to encourage and motivate students to be responsible, get along with one another, follow directions, and it motivates them to do their very best. We want students to have self-control and take responsibility for their actions and behaviors. So we want to reward students for their efforts as well as their improvements. We will use a variety of individual incentives as well as whole class rewards. You may also refer to the Family Handbook's Code of Christian Conduct for more information about school discipline policies and examples of the guidelines of conduct and behavior.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to the progress of a student. This is necessary to stay current with all the daily work. When students are absent, it is their responsibility to complete the work they missed. We encourage parents to call or send an email to the school in the morning in order to notify us if they know their child is going to be absent. Student's make-up/missed work can be picked up after 2:00 p.m. If work is not picked up, the students will have a folder in their homeroom with their assignments upon their return to school. If more than one day of school is missed, please call for assignments. If a test was given on the day the student missed, it must be taken when they return.

Math: Math tests will be given upon completion of each chapter. Quizzes will be given and counted as daily grades. Students will also have a Math tabbed section located in their binder for taking notes and writing down example problems. Students must have their binder in class each day. Please use this math section in binder for a reference! Math tests and Quizzes will be noted on the Goal Sheet.

Spelling: Students will be required to keep a tabbed section in their binder for spelling. Spelling words will be written weekly. Workbook pages must be completed and some will be graded. Students may study their spelling words each night. Spelling pretests will be given every Thursday, if your child makes below a 90% they will need to write the missed words three times each for homework and will be given a chance to retest on Friday.

Language: Students will have a writing journal located in their binder for daily writing prompts. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 1 major writing assignment per quarter. Language tests will be given on Fridays.

History: Students will learn about History through classroom discussions and various activities that will be graded and used as a review for upcoming tests. Students will have a section in their binder to keep study guides and notes. History test will tentatively be given on Wednesday as each unit/lesson has been completed and will be noted on the Goal Sheet.

Science: Students will have a section in their binder to store review questions and notes from each chapter. Students will have quizzes after each lesson and a test after each chapter is completed. Students will participate in many class group projects and experiments throughout the year. Students will be doing hands- on, inquiry based learning activities and STEM activities that include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Reading: Students will enjoy reading from their textbooks and also from grade-appropriate novels. Reading vocabulary will be assigned to go along with the stories we are reading. Reading activities will be completed with each story, kept in their binders, and will be graded. Reading tests will be given on Fridays.

Students must read Accelerated Reading Books independently. They are required to read at least five books per quarter. Their top five Accelerated Reading grades will be averaged and count as one test grade per quarter. Students will be required to make their AR goals. You may check their progress toward their goals on the Renaissance site on the Parents page of our school website.

Bible: The primary goal throughout the Positive Action Bible Curriculum is to make the Word of God more meaningful to the lives of your students. Through this curriculum students will be able to find knowledge, wisdom, and understanding for themselves from the Word of God. Students will use God's word from their Bibles to participate in whole group discussions, complete in-class assignments, and recite scripture passages. Students will have a Yellow Bible Folder in their Daily Binder to keep completed workbook pages, bible verses, and study guides. Students will complete quizzes and write memory verses for test grades at the end of each lesson. Bible tests will be given on Fridays. Families are encouraged to attend church weekly.

Google Classroom/Internet Usage in the classroom: Students will use Google Classroom to complete digital assignments as assigned by his/her teacher. Students must follow rules below when using technology/internet.

1. ONLY VISIT APPROVED INTERNET SITES.
2. NEVER GIVE OUT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DO NOT USE YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL FOR TO SETUP PERSONAL ACCOUNTS.
3. TELL YOUR TEACHER IF YOU SEE SOMETHING UNCOMFORTABLE OR INAPPROPRIATE.
4. NEVER DOWNLOAD ANYTHING WITHOUT TEACHER PERMISSION..
5. LEAVE YOUR WORKSPACE AS YOU FOUND IT. .
7. NEVER CHANGE SETTINGS WITHOUT PERMISSION. YOU DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO PERSONALIZE YOUR SCHOOL ISSUED DEVICE.
8. PLACE DEVICES ON CHARGERS WHEN NOT IN USE.
9. TOUCH THE MOUSE AND KEYBOARD GENTLY.
10. DO NOT EAT OR DRINK NEAR DEVICES.

Homework

Written homework assignments will be limited. However, when written homework is required, students are responsible for writing their homework assignments in their communication folder. Completed homework assignments should be returned to school the following school day in their Blue Homework Folder. Even if written homework is not given, students are still responsible for studying for upcoming tests. This can be done at home in any form; students can say, spell, say spelling words, play review games, read over the chapter, make their own flashcards, etc.

However, if students do not complete classwork in a timely manner, students must complete it at home and return to school the following day. It will be marked "finish at home and return". Written homework assignments will count as daily grades.

Late Work

Homework/Daily Assignments: No late homework is accepted, unless the student was absent, in that case, they have the number of days they were absent to complete the homework. If homework/daily work is not turned in by the due date it could result in a zero.

Projects/Papers: If a project or paper is turned in late, ten points will be deducted from the child's grade each day until the assignment is turned in. The grade results in a grade of zero when the paper or project is five days late.

Money

We ask that you please send all money via the zipper pouch in your child's communication folder. Payments should ALWAYS be labeled with its purpose and your child's name. Lunch money must be separate from other money sent. If sending cash, please send the correct change if possible, and please send in an envelope or bag.

Snacks

Students will have a short snack time in class each day. This should be something small and light, such as a pack of crackers with a mini water bottle. Please do not send candy or soda. There will be NO SNACK sold in the cafeteria.

Water Bottle

We encourage you to send a plastic sports-type bottle that can be securely closed (metal or aluminum bottles make too much noise when they hit the floor and cause distractions). Students will be allowed to drink ONLY water inside the classroom. We know accidents happen and drinks spill, so please send water in these bottles so that we do not attract ants or other unwanted pests into the classroom. Water is also easier to clean up and does not leave unwanted stains on floor, carpets, and clothing.

Lunch

Lunch menus and order forms will be sent home in the inside pocket of your child's binder. If you are wishing to order a hot lunch, then order forms must be turned in on Monday. If you do not turn in the lunch order form on Monday, then you do not receive a hot lunch. This year students will use an A la Carte form. Students may choose to pay for A la Carte any day. If you have any questions regarding lunches or your child's lunch account, please direct those questions to our Cafeteria Lunchroom Nutrition Program Manager. [Lunchroom - North Mobile Christian School](https://northmobilechristian.org/lunchroom) <https://northmobilechristian.org/lunchroom>

Carline

3rd-5th will dismiss from our classrooms at approximately 3:00. 3rd-5th grade's carline will be at the "horseshoe" right outside the worship center foyer unless it's raining day (like today). Please do not get in car line any earlier than 2:55. Preschool car line will be finished by this time and it will make a smoother transition for all. If you arrive earlier than 2:55, please park in the parking lot and wait until the preschool carline has cleared before getting in line for 3rd-5th grade to eliminate as much congestion as possible.

As you can see this is going to be a very busy year. New challenges will be faced and conquered. Your child's success is very important and we will do everything we can to work on an individual basis with your child to help them succeed.

Please sign the bottom of this page and return only the bottom part of this page stating that you and your child have read the handbook. Keep the rest of this packet as a reference throughout the year.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's learning experience.

We are praying for a great year!

Thank you,
Elementary Teachers

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Student Signature:

