

# Northside News

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## CHILD CARE PHONE

Call the school number and the prompt will direct you to press 3. If the line is busy, you may leave a voice mail which we will answer as soon as possible.

## WEATHER CLOSINGS

If Charleston, Dorchester, and Berkeley County cancel a day of school due to inclement weather, we usually take the same action. We announce on Channel 5 only. We will attempt to post a notice on our website,

[www.northsideministries.com](http://www.northsideministries.com).

If weather threatens during the day, parents may pick up children early from school. We do not dismiss the entire school early because many parents cannot get off work to pick up their children.

**INFODIRECT (ID)** On September 7, we will resend the ID welcome letter with Family ID and password to everyone. It sometimes is delivered to your junk mail, so be careful not to delete it accidentally. Also, change the setting so that it will come to your inbox in the future. You access ID from the [www.northsideministries.com](http://www.northsideministries.com) website, clicking on the Christian School link, then the ID icon. Please be sure to review the information we have for your family on InfoDirect and update it as necessary.

## Be especially sure to keep your email address current.

You can call the office, email us, or update it yourself online in InfoDirect.

**ABSENCES** South Carolina law requires that students attend school at least 170 days each year to be eligible for promotion (grades K5-8) or for course credit (grades 9-12). Absences due to funerals, school-sponsored activities, suspension, and sickness with a doctor's written excuse do not count against the 10 parental discretion absences. Students should bring the homeroom teacher a note from the parents or doctor explaining the reason for the absence. Students who are absent more than 35 days, regardless of the reasons, are retained in the grade or course.

**TARDIES** Students arriving after 8:00 AM are counted tardy. Kindergarten and elementary children should go directly to the classroom and the teacher will change the 8:00 absence to a tardy. After 8:30 they should come to the office. Secondary students should come to the office if they arrive after 8:00, since homeroom ends at 8:05. We do not count tardies due to medical appointments or widespread traffic delays. Tardiness to high school classes other than homeroom is a demerit offense.

## STUDENT PICTURES

Charles Tumbleston Studios will be here Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, to take student pictures. These are the ones we use in the yearbook, so it is important that your children look their best. You will have opportunity to purchase various assortments.

## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY is

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. School and Day Care are closed.

**FALL FUN DAY** is a little earlier this year, on Saturday, September 25th. We open at 9:00 with all kinds of games, rides, foods, and a great car wash. This is a day of good, clean fun for your family, and the proceeds go to the Senior Class for their trip expenses. The Juniors run the card wash.

**PROGRESS REPORTS** will be sent home on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign these and return them promptly. Of course, you may see a Progress Report any day on InfoDirect.

## TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Since the SCACS Teachers' Convention is in Myrtle Beach and there are Wednesday night sessions, we dismiss school at noon on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Day Care will remain open. Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> are full days for the Convention and Child Care Training. School and Child Care will be closed both days.