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🔔 **Welcome Back, NWSOTA Family!**
SY 2025–2026 Back-to-School Letter

From the Desk of Mr. Derrick Lockett, Sr., M.Ed., Principal

Dear Northwest School of the Arts Families,

Welcome to an exciting new school year at **Northwest School of the Arts**—a place where creativity, culture, and academic excellence come alive every single day! 🎨🎭🎵📖

As your proud principal, I am thrilled to welcome our returning families and extend a heartfelt hello to those joining us for the first time. The halls of NWSOTA are about to be filled once again with laughter, rhythm, bold ideas, and artistic expression—and we can't wait!

This year, we're continuing our mission: **every student, in every seat, growing artistically and academically**. We are committed to ensuring that every child who walks through our doors feels seen, loved, supported, and safe.

🎨🎭🎵 **What's New and What's Back**

We are proud to offer one of the most dynamic arts programs in the region. This year, our students will dive into:

- Dance
- Theater
- Vocal and Instrumental Music
- Visual Arts
- Digital Arts
- Fashion

👩🍳 **And new this year—Culinary Arts for grades 3–8!**

We are also expanding our after-school programming with academic tutoring, enrichment opportunities, and **social-emotional support groups and mentoring programs for boys and girls**.

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Excellence in Every Lesson

Our passionate and talented teachers are already preparing their classrooms and crafting lessons with care. They use proven instructional strategies and real-time data to ensure each student reaches their full potential—and has fun doing it!

Save the Date:

Meet the Teacher & Back-to-School Bash

 *Thursday, August 14, 2025*

 *3:30 PM – 6:30 PM*

Come meet your child's teacher, tour the campus, and experience the NWSOTA spirit!

First Day of School

Monday, August 18, 2025

 *8:00 AM – 3:30 PM*

Please ensure your child arrives on time and ready to shine!

I am deeply honored to serve this incredible school community. At NWSOTA, we are more than a school—we are a family. Together, we will nurture minds, inspire hearts, and ignite the gifts within every child.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at **216-228-6800, 216-815-8510**, or by email at **dlockett@acanwest.com**.

Let's make this the best school year yet!
With enthusiasm and gratitude,

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