

Welcome to the Dragon Family



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We are thrilled to welcome you to be a part of our
Dragon Family!

In the pages below you will find the answers to many of the questions you may have as your child moves into this new phase of their educational journey.



September 8, 2020 is for Grade 6's only! Our grade 6's will have the attention of all our staff to ensure they feel excited, secure and optimistic about their future at NMS. September 9, 2020 is for Grade 7 only, September 10, 2020 is for Grade 8 only and all students attending on September 11, 2020.

Typically Grade 6 parents are welcome to come in the school until their child finds their friends, but to keep everyone extra safe this year we are asking that you stay outside with your child until they are invited inside.



Picture of the First Day!

Taking a picture outside the school on the first day of Middle School is still cool. Do not let them tell you otherwise 😊

8:30am – 9:15am – Morning Drop Off

Students can be dropped off at the front of the school starting at 8:30am. Please take the extra minute and drive around the round-about and pull up as far up the driveway, towards the Fieldhouse (gym) doors. We will greet your child outside, ask for their last name, and then they will be accompanied to their homeroom. Students will wear their mask until they arrive at their homeroom. 😊



Where does my child go on the first day?

Students will physically distance outside while wearing their mask. We will greet them and accompany each student through the main doors which are located by the sign that says OFFICE by the public library.



Do students bring all our school supplies on the first day?

It is not necessary. It is a heavy load to carry. However, many do bring it all and that is okay too. If they have a binder and pen/pencil, they will be fine for the first day. Go with whatever decision makes your child feel less stressed. Do not forget to bring a mask for when we cannot physically distance. FYI: yes, we will be using lockers this year. 😊

Cafeteria

When do cafeteria services start?

Services start on September 14, 2020. Students will be permitted to purchase their food (while wearing a mask) and then they will return to their homeroom to eat their lunch to maintain the bubble guidelines.



Do we have to buy in the cafeteria?

No, it is still cool to brown bag it 😊



How much money should I send?

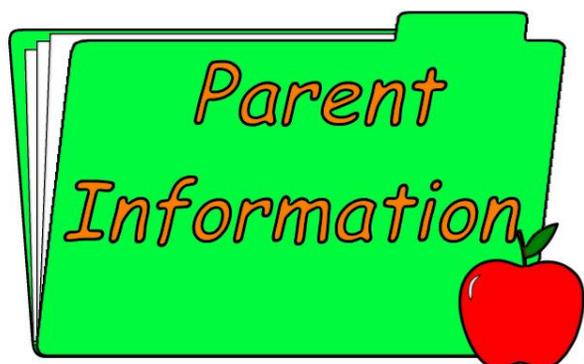
\$5 - \$7 should be enough. To order on-line please use: CafZone.ca *there is no www in the address.

Can my child buy at the cafeteria and still attend their club at lunch?

At this time, we do not have permission to offer clubs, BUT when we are allowed students can still buy their lunch and leave the cafeteria with the food.

Will students find out their homeroom teacher prior to the first day of school?

No. Our class lists often change right up until the first day of school because we wait until we have all new students registered.



Will parents receive email notifications for activities and other school information?

The principal will send out school wide memos a few times a month to help organize your family calendar. The school website is also another great tool to keep up to date. We will be teaching students to use their agendas to write down any important information like try-outs or after school clubs. (When we are allowed to have teams/clubs)

How will we know what activities are available?

Our website has a link to all the clubs. When we are permitted to resume clubs please encourage your child to join at least 1 club. This helps them make new friends and explore new interests.



Does middle school still need parent volunteers?

There are so many things we could not do without your support and time. We truly appreciate it when parents can help out 😊

How often does my child have physical education class?

Twice a week minimum. We are working on schedule that offers many body breaks and physical activity throughout the whole day. It will be especially important during messy weather that students have indoor shoes for Phys.Ed class.

FYI: When we say Fieldhouse we mean our gymnasium.



The month of September is expensive with all the extra costs like student fees, school supplies, and indoor shoes...

...What if I cannot manage all those things?

We offer payment plans, we have breakfast club for ALL students, backpack program (food sent home in for backpacks for the weekends), extra school supplies and even extra sneakers if your child is in need.



Does everyone in middle school have a cell phone?

No. They do not need one. We have phones they can use at school if they need to connect with you. If they do have one, please remind them that it needs to stay in their locker during the day.

Are students permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch?

No, we are a closed campus. Unless a parent/guardian picks them up, they need to stay at the school and with their bubble in a supervised area. We are still working on what our staggered lunch will look like.



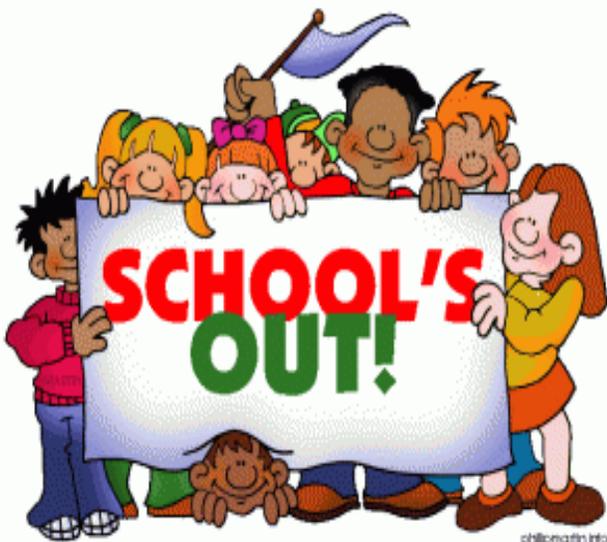
What does dismissal look like?

The bell rings at 3:40pm to return to their homeroom teacher.

End of day announcements are made at 3:45pm and students who walk home or are picked up are dismissed at 3:50pm.

Once the traffic has cleared, we dismiss the students who take the bus. Typically, students have all left the building by 4:05 at the latest.

For the month of September, we will slow the process down to give students' time to get to their lockers and organize themselves.



How do I know what bus my child should take?

Please use the district ASD-W website and click on the transportation tab. You can type in your address and it should give you the bus number for the morning and the afternoon. Don't forget you can opt back in for transportation by calling 453-5454 or 1-888-388-4455

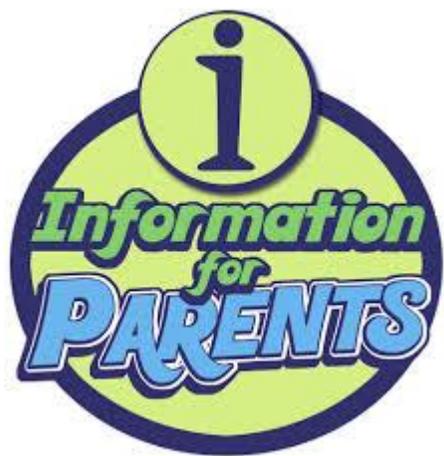


Where do I drop my child off in the morning?

If there is no traffic line up, you may drop them off at the front of the school. If there are cars behind you, please pull up to the Fieldhouse entrance. That way many cars can drop their child off in a safe manner. Please do not drop your child off in the parking lot and have them cross the traffic. It can get quite busy here between 8:30am and 9:00am and we want everyone arriving safely!

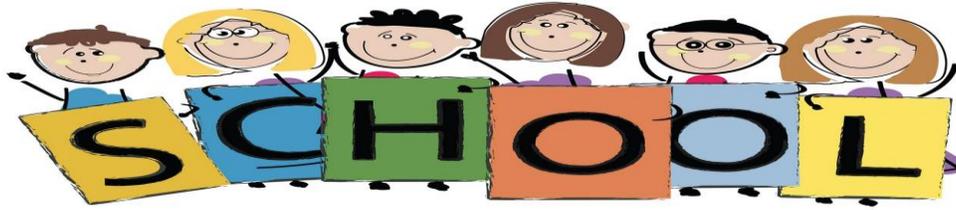
Can I email/call my child's teacher?

Always! In fact, they should be your first point of contact for everything. Also, did you know our school has a Facebook and Twitter account? Nashwaaksis Middle School and our handle is @nasismiddle



I think I am more nervous than my child for the first day of school.....How will I last all day without any updates?

Follow us on Twitter (@nasismiddle) and we will be sure to post some pics of how the day unfolds. We promise if your child needs you, that we will be sure to connect with you.



Dances/Socials

Drop off and Pickup Times

Dances start at 6:00pm and end at 8:00pm sharp. You may park and come in and get them or decide to wait outside. At 8:00pm we will allow all the children to go outside to get their drives.



Should I stay with my child at the dance/social?

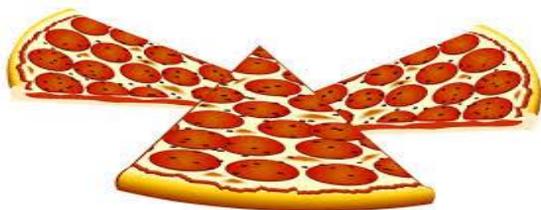
If your child is nervous, please feel free to come in for a moment until your child feels settled (we will help with this); however, most students beg their parents to stay outside 😊 As stated above, if your child will be late, please walk them in and teachers will be stationed at the door to welcome them.

Late Arrival and Early Pickup

Please reach out to Mrs. Frizzell if your arrival time will be later than 6:30pm because of another commitment like hockey practice, dance, etc... We do allow late sign-ins if you bring your child into the dance yourself.

Rationale: it has been reported that some students get dropped off at 6:00pm and when parents drive away the student does not come in. We have no way to supervise that situation.

We also ask for you to come in if you need to pick your child up early. We will not permit them to navigate the parking lot alone before the 8:00 pickup time.



Entrance Fee and Canteen

There is a \$5 fee at the entrance. We will also be selling pizza, flavored water and a few other treats so they may request a few more bucks 😊

All proceeds go directly back to the students in the form of various extra events within the school.

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Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports

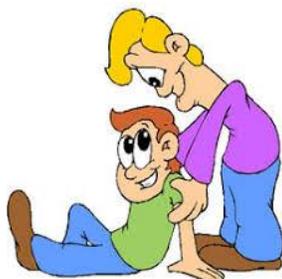
NMS Code of Conduct

Good Hands * Good Feet * Good Manners

We are a PBIS school.

What does that mean?

teaching, modelling, and reinforcing our code of conduct.



PBIS is.... teaching acceptable behaviours

PBIS is....

a teaching approach to discipline

CHOOSE
kindness



PBIS....is creating a positive environment.