

NMS INFORMATION

August 12, 2021

Welcome Back

Hello NMS Family and Friends,

We hope that you are doing well and that you've enjoyed your summer by spending time with family and friends. I took July as an opportunity to digitally unplug and spend some time outdoors. As I write this welcome back email, there are still many questions unanswered as we look to the start of the school year. PPS is working alongside the Kalamazoo County Health Department to guide decision-making and form policies and protocols. The information shared in this newsletter is based on current conditions and policies. PPS will continue to work with local health officials on back-to-school guidance.

Student Orientation:

We are planning on hosting an in-person student orientation for all of our students on Monday, August 23. The times are listed below. 6th-grade orientation will be longer and more traditional. During that time, students will engage in team-building activities with trained 8th-grade WEB leaders (Where Everyone Belongs). Students will get a tour of the building, get their ID cards, schedules, and lockers. PPS Chromebooks will be issued to those students that do not already have a PPS device. If you have a PPS Chromebook that needs a repair, please bring it in at this time. Students in 7th/8th grade will receive their schedules and lockers and be able to tour the building. There is a parent meeting for 6th grade parents from 9:00-9:30 am in the NMS Commons on Monday, August 23. A virtual orientation will be made available after the 23rd for any student unable to attend or who has enrolled in PPS Virtual.

6th Grade Orientation: 9:00-12:45, parent meeting from 9:00-9:30

7th Grade Orientation: 1:00-2:15

8th Grade Orientation: 2:30-3:45

Athletic Information:

There is information on our website about Fall sports and required documentation for those activities. At NMS, we offer cross country, football, and volleyball in the Fall.

Food Service:

- All students are entitled to one free breakfast and lunch regardless of meal benefit status. Second meals and ala carte options are available for purchase. [Click here](#) for pricing and more information.
- Please complete the 2021-22 [meal benefit application](#) regardless of your status. Many state and federal funding sources are tied to this application.
- Add money to your student's account, check balances, and sign up for reminders through www.sendmoneytoschool.com
- Check the [menu](#) for the week! Are you on social media?

We are wanting to leverage more social media platforms to celebrate student success, share information, and create the story for NMS. Like and follow our [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds.

Important dates and reminders:

Monday, August 30: First Day of School (half-day, dismissal at 10:55)

Friday, Sept. 3 thru Monday, Sept. 6: No School-Labor Day

Doors open at 7:25 am for students to enter the building on a daily basis

Regards,

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