

North Tonawanda City School District

North Tonawanda Middle School

455 Meadow Drive ♦ North Tonawanda NY 14120 ♦ (716) 807-3700

Dear Parent/Guardian and X:

ID Number: X

Homeroom: X

TEAM X - X

Counselor - X

Please see above for your homeroom assignment, student ID number and Team.

There will be an optional 7th Grade Orientation on Monday, August 30th in the Fine Arts Center. 7th grade students and parents on Team Orion will meet at 10:00 A.M. 7th grade students and parents on Team Aries will meet at 11:00 A.M. Information will be shared with students from 7th grade teacher representatives, guidance/counseling office staff, as well as administration. Each student may bring one parent/guardian to the event for social distancing and COVID occupancy considerations. A brief building tour will follow the presentation for each team. During the student tour, parents/guardians are encouraged to stay in the Fine Arts Center for a brief presentation from the building's administration. After the building tour, students will be able to set up their lockers if they wish. Individuals should bring a mask in case they are required. For 8th graders that were fully remote during the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year or newly transferred students, an optional orientation will begin at 9:00 A.M. on the 30th as well.

Due to ever changing COVID-19 school reopening guidance and restrictions, indoor gatherings may require the format of 7th Grade Orientation to be altered or cancelled. Updated information will be shared through Schoology to students and families the week before orientation.

Important Information

August 2021

Visit our webpage at www.ntschoools.org to:

- ⇒ Read our Student/Parent Handbook. A hard copy will be handed out first day of school.
- ⇒ **Parents should create a parent portal account to view grades, report cards, progress reports and attendance. Please visit parentportal.wnyric.org. On the main page, click on "Parent Portal Registration". Please contact Mrs. Eckstein in our Guidance Office for assistance at 716.807.3705.**

September 2021

- ⇒ The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7th**. It is a **full** day of school.
- ⇒ Provide the guidance office with all custodial, guardianship or foster care legal documentation.
- ⇒ If you have moved over the summer, you must change your address at the Administration Building, 176 Walck Road. Proof required.

Fall 2021

- ⇒ Picture day is tentatively Tuesday, September 28th.
- ⇒ Fall sports picture day is tentatively Friday, October 8th.
- ⇒ Open House is Thursday, October 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. We hope to see you there!
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Conferences is Thursday, November 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

First Day Checklist:

- _____ Return the completed NTCSD "**Demographic Validation Form**" and a "**Student Health Information Form**" (enclosed). **Please review the emergency contacts section carefully** making sure that you have provided current **telephone numbers** for the emergency contacts listed. You may delete old contacts and add more to the emergency contact section. Please sign the form and return it to the Guidance Office during the first week or during 7th Grade Orientation.
- _____ Return signed iPad form to your math teacher.
- _____ Have a pen or pencil, a folder, and district issued iPad. A complete school supply list is posted on our webpage at www.ntschoools.org

Report to Homeroom

- ⇒ Your teacher will give you your schedule and where your locker is located.

Getting Lunch

- ⇒ Students have the option to bring a lunch or receive a lunch from our school's cafeteria. **All students may participate in the breakfast and lunch programs again for free this year!**
- ⇒ Traditionally, there is a peanut free table located in the cafeteria. Due to the uncertain nature of school reopening, students may be sitting at individual desks to start the year in the cafeteria. Surfaces will be wiped down between lunch sessions.

From the School Nurse

- ⇒ *Per NYS Education Law, all 7th graders and students new to the district are required to obtain a physical and provide proof to the school nurse.*
- ⇒ *All medications are to be brought to the nurse in their original container with the medication request signed by the physician and parent/guardian. This includes any over-the-counter medication. Students may carry inhalers and epi-pens with the permission of a physician and the parent/guardian.*

Inter-Scholastic Sports Information

- ⇒ All student athletes are required to have an up to date sports physical to participate.
- ⇒ Middle school students recommended by the coaching staff to try out for a JV or Varsity level team must pass APP testing which is arranged through Mr. Cook, Athletic Director. He can be reached at 807-3647.
- ⇒ Fall sports tryouts begin August 23rd for JV and Varsity. All modified sports begin on August 25th.
- ⇒ All schedules and information will be posted on the athletic webpage.

Contacting Us

- ⇒ Main Office: 807-3700 Option 1. We will be unable to interrupt classes to relay personal messages to your child, but can accommodate **EMERGENCY** requests.
- ⇒ Attendance Office: 807-3716. **Please call if your child will be absent and send a written excuse with them when they return.** This number is available 24 hours a day.
- ⇒ Guidance Office: 807-3700 Option 4. School Counselors and the Social Workers can be reached at this number.

Other Important Information

- ⇒ Attendance is critical to success in school. Every day counts. Students who miss 10% or more of the school days are considered chronically absent. Please note - regular attendance is a priority and we want your child here with us at school.
- ⇒ When late to school, students must be "buzzed" in through the door located by the staff parking lot (door #1). Students will sign in at the attendance office and should turn their cell phones off.
- ⇒ Early dismissal notes are submitted to your child's homeroom teacher at the beginning of the day. Parents/Guardians or persons listed on your School Emergency Information Sheet must come into the school and sign the student out from the Attendance Office. If an unanticipated early release is needed, please come into the attendance office and **show picture ID**. We will call students from class after the parent/guardian signs them out.
- ⇒ All students will receive a Student/Parent Handbook the first week of school that also contains the Computer Use Policy. Parents/Guardians please read the policy, sign the Computer Use Agreement located on last page, and return it to school as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Reopening Questions

Students, families, and staff have many unanswered questions regarding how schools will operate in the upcoming year. State and local guidance has changed significantly throughout the past year and we anticipate that there will be more changes between now and the start of school. Information will regularly be shared with families through multiple mediums including Blackboard School Communication calls/texts, Superintendent Woytila's Facebook Live sessions, as well as a comprehensive Schoology post the week prior to school reopening.



Joshua R. Janese
Principal



Scott Mueller
Assistant Principal