

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.

Welcome back! We hope you have been enjoying your summer recess. The main office, custodial staff, and your school counselors have been working hard over the past two months preparing the building for your arrival in September. Our fantastic teaching staff have also been participating in many professional development opportunities over the past two months to enhance your instructional experience for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to a great year working with you at NTMS!

7th Grade and New Student Orientation

The middle school will be hosting an optional 7th grade orientation on Monday, August 28th in the Fine Arts Center starting at 6:00 P.M. Information will be shared from 7th grade teacher representatives, school counselors, as well as administration. Each student may bring **two** parents/guardians to the event. New to the district 8th graders that did not have an opportunity to tour the middle school during the NTI June orientation may come in for an optional building tour starting at 5:15 P.M. and stay for the orientation as well. Please enter the facility through the Fine Arts Center.

Important Information

August 2023

Visit our webpage at www.ntschoools.org to:

- ⇒ Read our Student/Parent Handbook. A hard copy will be handed out the first day of school.
- ⇒ Purchase school supplies for the upcoming year. A complete supply list can be found on the district website under the “Parents & Students” top tab. Families should contact their student’s school counselor; Mrs. Evarts (8th grade, 716-807-3715) and Mrs. Vecchio (7th grade, 716-807-3708) if you are experiencing hardship obtaining school supplies.
- ⇒ **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 our Student Support Center clerical staff for assistance at 716-807-3705.**

September 2023

- ⇒ The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 5th**. It is a full day of school. All students will set up their lockers during the first week of school with their teachers. All students will be assigned a district-issued lock.
- ⇒ Provide the Student Support Center with all updated custodial, guardianship, or foster care legal documentation as necessary.
- ⇒ If you have moved over the summer, you must change your address at the Administration Building, 176 Walck Road. Proof of address change is required.

Fall 2023

- ⇒ Open House is Thursday, September 21st from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. We hope to see you there!
- ⇒ Picture Day is tentatively Friday, October 6th with a retake day scheduled for Friday, November 17th.
- ⇒ Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

First Day Checklist:

- _____ Return the completed “**Student Health Information Form**” (cherry sheet enclosed). Please sign the form and have your student turn it in to their homeroom teacher during the first week of school. Families may also turn in this form at the New Student Orientation.
- _____ 8th graders should bring their fully charged iPad to school. 7th graders and new to the district 8th graders will receive their district issued iPad on the first day.
- _____ Students should bring their school supplies on the first day of school. Locker setup time has been built into the schedule by team teachers.

Arrival & Dismissal

- ⇒ Students may enter the building starting at 7:15 A.M. Homeroom begins at 7:30 A.M.
- ⇒ Parents can drop off students by Door 1 (Main Office) or the Fine Arts Center loop (Door 4). Please see attached map.
- ⇒ Students arriving after 7:30 A.M. will sign in at the attendance office through Door 1.
- ⇒ Student dismissal is at 2:30 P.M.

Report to Homeroom

- ⇒ Homeroom teachers will give students a copy of their entire schedule.

Breakfast and Lunch

- ⇒ Students have the option to bring a lunch or obtain a lunch from our school's cafeteria.
- ⇒ Students will receive a *Free and Reduced Price Meals Application* on the first day of school. If eligible, students may turn in forms to their homeroom teacher or directly to the main office.
- ⇒ Traditionally, there is a peanut free table located in the cafeteria. If students elect to sit at this table, we ask that they follow these expectations to ensure a safe environment for all.

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 epipens with the written permission of a physician and their 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.
- ⇒ All schedules and tryout 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 student will be absent and send a written excuse with them when they return.** This number is available 24 hours a day.
- ⇒ Student Support Center: 807-3700 Option 4. School Counselors and Social Workers can be reached at this number.

Other Important Information

- ⇒ Attendance is critical to success in school. Every day counts and consistent attendance is a priority. Students who miss 10% or more of the school days are considered chronically absent by New York State.
- ⇒ Early dismissal notes are submitted to your student'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. Individuals must provide photo ID when signing students out.
- ⇒ All students will receive a Student/Parent Handbook the first week of school that also contains the Computer Use Policy. Please review the policy with your student and sign the Computer Use Agreement located on last page. Students should return it to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Ongoing Communication

Information will be shared regularly with families through multiple platforms including Blackboard School Communication calls/text messages, Superintendent Woytila's Facebook Live sessions, as well as comprehensive Schoology posts throughout the year. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor at any time.



Joshua R. Janese, Ed.D.
Principal



Scott Mueller
Assistant Principal