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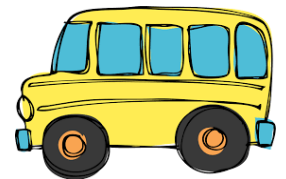
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August 2021

Welcome Back NTI Junior Jacks and Families!

We hope that you and your loved ones are well and enjoying these summer days. We are excited to welcome all of our Junior Jacks into the 2021-2022 school year. Although our students may participate in different models (remote or hybrid), we're already planning ways to continue to bring our NTI community together virtually. As our NTI motto states, **"Together We Are One!"**

Numerous preparations are underway to ready the building for our return to school. As we prepare for opening, we are adjusting routines and procedures to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families. Please read below for important information.



Medication drop off is on Wednesday, September 1st from 8:15am -11:30am.

Reminder: 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.

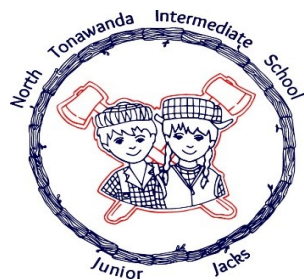
Schoology

- **Schoology is NTI's communication and learning platform.**
- **Log-in information will be sent to the parent email address on file with the district**

Orientation Information

We are excited to welcome our fourth graders to the 2021-2022 school year. We are currently planning a meet and greet and tour on Monday, August 30th from 9am-10am and 10:30am - 11:30am. We are asking students to bring one parent to orientation and are welcome to attend either session. If restrictions change for indoor gatherings, we will plan virtual orientation pieces and post those to the website and social media platforms.





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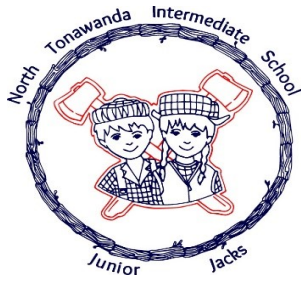
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First Day

- Balloons will lead the way for our 4th graders as they make their way to the 4th grade wing! As has been for the past three years at NTI, all of our staff members will be at hand to assist students as they locate their new homerooms. Staff members will be strategically assigned to areas of the building to warmly greet, assist, and ensure social distancing is occurring.
- **Parents/guardians will not be permitted in the building.**
- No need to send in all of the supplies on the first day. Teachers will be teaching students how and where supplies will be maintained. Please do not drop off supplies early.
- Please send in any dismissal change notes with your child. Please review with your child how s/he is getting home.

Arrival Information

- **Masks: All students must wear a mask for indoor activities.** Mask breaks will occur at staff member's direction.
- **Entry Time: Entry begins at 8:30 AM (no early arrival). School begins at 8:40am**
- **Walkers & Drop Offs:** Students will enter Door 9 (by drop off loop on Deerfield). Please do not arrive early as students are not permitted entrance until 8:30 AM. Visuals along the sidewalk will designate where students will line up as they approach Door 9. Parents/guardians are not permitted in the building. Rest assured, staff members are ready to warmly welcome and assist students as needed.
- **Bussers:** Bussers will disembark one at a time and enter Door 10.
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served 'grab and go', with students receiving the breakfast bag the evening prior. Students will take a breakfast home on the first day of school for the following morning.
- **Tardy Arrivals: Use door 1 for tardy drop-off.** Parent/guardian waits outside door or in vehicle until child is cleared for entry (temperature screening). Parents/guardians dropping a student off tardy will not enter the building. Please send the tardy note in with your child.



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Lunch

- Students may buy or bring lunch.
- Students will eat at desks within the cafeteria. Buyers will be called and lined up by zone.

Dismissal Information

- In an effort to monitor social distancing and minimize congregating, staff members are assigned to zones within the building to escort single lines of students out throughout the dismissal process. We apologize for any delays that this staggered approach may cause.
- **Walkers & Pick Ups: Dismissed at 2:55 PM (Out Door 9)**
- **Bussers:** Dismissal begins after walker/pick up dismissal ends.

Visitors to the Building

- **Visitors entering NTI are by previously scheduled appointment only.**
- Parents/guardians are not permitted entry to drop off instruments or homework.
- Parents/guardians picking a student up early for an appointment will enter to show **appropriate** ID and to sign the child out.
- **Anyone entering the building must be wearing a mask. Visitors will be required to complete the District's COVID-19 survey.**

Important Paperwork

- If your address or phone number has changed, please make an appointment at the administration building at 176 Walck Road to update your information.
- Please send in any updated legal paperwork regarding custody to the administration building. Be sure to update throughout the year, as changes occur.

Please know that guidance and regulations are changing daily and we will update you as we receive this information. We look forward to a fantastic year! Thank you for your collaboration and communication. ☺

