

NORTH TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

North Tonawanda Intermediate

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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 2020-2021 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.

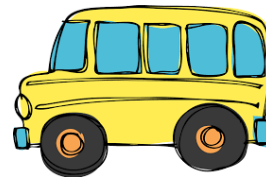
Hybrid Model

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A-K Last Name in School Attendance	A-K Last Name in School Attendance	All Students Remote	L-Z Last Name in School Attendance	L-Z Last Name in School Attendance
L-Z Remote Attendance	L-Z Remote Attendance		A-K Remote Attendance	A-K Remote Attendance

***Note:** Students in our 8:1:1 or 12:1:1 classes will attend in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

L-Z First In Person Attendance Day: Thursday, September 10th

A-K First In Person Attendance Day: Monday, September 14th



Medication Drop Off

Medication drop off will occur prior to the start of the year at a designated date and time. Date and time will be communicated shortly.

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.

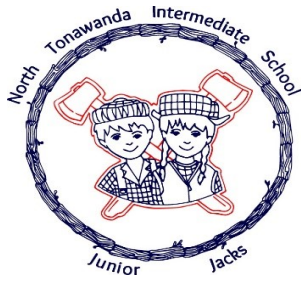
Fully Remote Model - Device Pick Up (Hybrid students will receive device on first day of in school attendance)

Device pick up for students in the Remote Model will occur on Wednesday, September 9th as follows:

Time – 8:15-11:15 AM

Location – NTI, Door 10 (Bus Loop Door on Vanderbilt)





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Schoology

- Schoology is NTI's communication and learning platform.
- If you do not have an account with log in credentials, please visit the district website to complete a [Schoology Parent Account Request Form](#): www.ntschoools.org - COVID 19 – Schoology NTI

Orientation Information

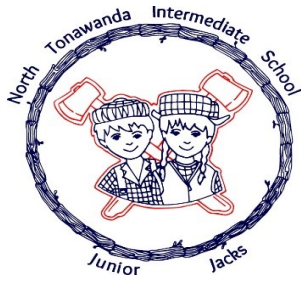
We are excited to welcome our fourth graders, new families, and all of our Junior Jacks to the 2020-2021. Our orientation pieces are virtual this year. Please see the website for the 'Welcome to NTI' video. **Also, an orientation presentation will be shared on Monday, August 31st on both Schoology and the district website.**

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 two 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 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 and staff must wear a mask.** Masks must be worn at the bus stop, on the bus, upon exiting the car at drop off, and into the building. Mask breaks will occur at staff member's direction.
- **Entry Time: Entry begins at 8:30 AM (no early arrival)**
- **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.
- **Screening:** All students will be temperature screened upon arrival as they enter the building.
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served 'grab and go', with students receiving the breakfast bag as they make their way to their homeroom. Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom.
- **Tardy Arrivals:** 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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- Please try to minimize appointments during the school day on the two days that your child is in session during the hybrid model.

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 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. Be sure to update throughout the year, as changes occur.

We look forward to a fantastic year! Thank you for your collaboration and communication. 😊

