

August 2020

Dear Parent(s) and X:

**ID Number: X**

**Homeroom/Period 1: X**

**TEAM X – X**

**Counselor – X**

We are excited to be getting back into the school and working with your child. We are opening schools this year in what continues to be unprecedented and uncertain times. Our opening Hybrid Model will have students with last names A-K attending in-person Monday, Tuesday, and virtually Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Students with the last names starting with L-Z will attend virtually Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and will be in-person on Thursday and Friday. Many things will look different as we implement various safety protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of students and staff. Please read below the guidance for our first days of school. An additional separate letter will be sent to those families opting for fully remote learning. If any changes occur to the school day, a global connect will be sent home.

### ALL STUDENTS/PARENTS

#### August 2020

Visit our webpage at [ntschoools .org](https://ntschoools.org) to:

- ⇒ Visit our orientation for 7<sup>th</sup> graders which will be virtual - View our Welcome to Middle School video, Orientation Presentation, and Virtual Tour video. These will be posted by the end of August.
- ⇒ Read our Student/Parent Handbook. A hard copy will be handed out first day of school.
- ⇒ Sign up for e-alert notifications.
- ⇒ Create a parent portal account to view grades, report cards, progress reports and attendance.

#### September 2020

- ⇒ The first days of school are **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> for last names beginning L-Z**. The first days of school are **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for last names beginning with A-K**. These are **full** days of school.
- ⇒ Visitors entering the Middle School will need to **have a previously scheduled appointment**.
- ⇒ 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 by appointment ONLY. Please call 807-3535. Proof required.

#### First Day Checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ All students MUST wear a mask / face covering to school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student drop-off 7:10 – 7:20 at Middle School door #8 or FAC door #4 loops. Temperature scanners will be used at each door students enter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have a backpack, pen and pencil, a binder with 10 dividers, and some paper. Do not bring all school supplies as students will be carrying their backpacks. We will not be using lockers at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students bring charged ipad.

\_\_\_\_\_ IPAD forms signed and returned to your Math Teacher.

#### Report to Homeroom / Period 1

- ⇒ Students can get a “grab and go” breakfast and take it to their homeroom / period 1 class to eat. This is provided at no cost to students.
- ⇒ Your teacher will give you your schedule in homeroom/period 1 class. Grade 7 students will be shown where their classes are and how to read the schedule.

### **Getting Lunch**

- ⇒ Buy or bring. Cost of lunch is \$1.85.
- ⇒ Students will be seated in individual desks and be called up to the lunch line in small groups for those needing to buy a lunch.

### **From the School Nurse**

- ⇒ *Per NYS Education Law, all 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*
- ⇒ ***NYS Education Law requires all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders to have 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine by September 23, 2020***

### **Inter-Scholastic Sports Information**

- ⇒ All student athletes are required to have a sports physical with the district health care provider. (Wheatfield Pediatrics or their primary physician).
- ⇒ Middle School students recommended by coach 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 information will be posted on the **athletics web page @ [ntschoools.org](http://ntschoools.org)**
- ⇒ **At this time, sports are delayed until September 21, 2020.**

### **Contacting Us**

- ⇒ Main Office: 807-3700 Option 1. Please do not ask us to interrupt classes to relay personal messages to your child. We will be happy to accommodate your **EMERGENCY** request.
- ⇒ 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 Worker 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 you must be “buzzed” in through the door located by the staff parking lot (door #1). Sign in. Cell phone OFF.**
- ⇒ Early dismissal notes are submitted to your homeroom/period 1 teacher. Parents/Guardians or persons listed on the School Emergency Information Sheet must come in to the school and sign the student out from the Attendance Office. If an unanticipated early release is needed, please come in to the attendance office and **show picture ID**. We will call students from class at that time.
- ⇒ 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.

**BRING THIS LETTER TO SCHOOL WITH  
YOU AND HAVE A GREAT FIRST DAY!**