

Nashwaaksis Middle School



September 2016

Dear Nashwaaksis Middle School Community,

Greetings! I am Kendra Frizzell, your new Principal. I am thrilled to begin the new school year at NMS, and look forward to meeting all the students, parents, and community members.

I understand and can appreciate the anticipation and eagerness that accompanies new leadership in any organization. I know that change can provoke both excitement and anxiety and that is why I have been working hard these past few weeks learning about our school and all of its stakeholders. I eagerly anticipate getting to know the NMS community, and learning about your hopes and dreams for our school.

I believe that genuine collaboration fosters ownership of a rich school culture. Supporting our children to do well at school, and in their lives, is the center of our work. I am honored to have been selected to serve this community, and will work hard to gain your trust and respect as Nashwaaksis Middle School's principal.

At the moment, almost 600 students are enrolled at NMS and our numbers continue to climb by the minute. (Thank-you for continued patience as we reconfigure some classes) Nothing we do at our school is small. Our Friends of NMS (parent committee) and PSSC (another parent committee) have been very generous and hard-working to support our students with raising funds for any needs we may have. This ranges from netbooks for all classes, website licenses to support learning, breakfast programs and financial support for clubs and outings.

This year, we look forward to continuing with our initiatives. Students will live by our Code of Conduct. They will goal set and monitor their academic progress, learn at their ability levels in all subjects, run their own clubs, and take part in leadership, and many wellness activities —and this is just to name a few of the exciting things to come!

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I invite all our community members to take part in our school in some way as we support our future leaders to reach their potential, discover their interests and succeed! Please call 453-5436 or email me at kendra.frizzell@nbed.nb.ca if you can lend a hand!

Sincerely,

Kendra Frizzell

The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice ~Peggy O'Mara

SPECIAL REMINDERS

EARLY MORNING SUPERVISION BEGINS EACH DAY AT 7:45am.

As we are concerned about your child's safety, we ask you do not send your child to school before this time. Our Phys. Ed teachers have graciously opened their field house at 7:30am for intramurals. If your child comes to the field house at that time it is expected they participate.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ROUTINES:

For the **safety** of our students, we developed the following routines.

DROP OFF at 7:45am

- ✓ Enter parking lot and drive around traffic circle.
- ✓ When traffic is congested (and it will be) please pull up to field house.
- ✓ Unload 7-10 cars at a time.
- ✓ Keep moving forward for a smooth flow of traffic.
- ✓ Do not pass at any time during drop off.

PICK UP at 2:55pm

***Thank-you for continued patience as we work through new procedures. It is our goal to have all students exit the building the quickest and safest way possible.

Please park in the parking lot if you are getting out of your vehicle to pick up your child. Please leave the main entrance area free of traffic for those who are waiting for their child to come out.

We are doing our best on our end to alleviate the congestion at the end of the day. Thank-you for your continued support.

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WEBSITE:

The school website has been upgraded over the summer and starting this week we will do our best to keep it updated. <http://nasismiddle.nbed.nb.ca>

CAFETERIA:

Thank-you for your continued patience as we wait for our new tables to come in. Delivery is taking a bit longer than expected so we have had to do our best given the situation. We are very excited that our new tables will have a bench attached so the cafeteria will have more room and students will be able sit where they want.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

- ✓ Good hands
- ✓ Good feet
- ✓ Good manners

WHEN EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT MET, PLEASE SEE THE MODEL WE WILL FOLLOW:

- ✓ Student and teacher meet to discuss reminders of self-regulation strategies and how to be proactive.
- ✓ Student and teacher meet during lunch options to re-teach and discuss our code of conduct.
- ✓ Team meeting to discuss student behavior.
- ✓ Call home to parents
- ✓ Parent-teacher meeting
- ✓ Meeting with Principal
- ✓ School-based Education Support Services Team becomes involved and together with parents work towards finding effective strategies for your child.
- ✓ When safety becomes an issue—out of school suspension are recommended.

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DRESS CODE:

The NB Schools Act requires students to come to school neat, tidy and properly dressed. It is expected that students will dress in a neat, clean, and sensible manner.

The following modes are dress are not acceptable:

- Clothing with inappropriate language and/or symbols with reference to drugs, alcohol or sexual connotations;
- Halter, belly, tube tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts;
- Bare mid-riffs, low cut, see-through or revealing tops;
- Pajama bottoms or pants that have a message across the bottom
- Skirts and shorts have to be of a modest length and loose fitting;
- Hats are not to be worn in school and must be left in lockers

CLOTHING:

NMS has a new on-line store, offering school clothing and clubs/sports attire. A link will be on the NMS website soon, where you as a Teacher, Parent, or Coach, can order and pay on-line with no hassle. The item or items can be picked up at Instant Imprints or you can request that they be delivered directly to NMS. This new type of on-line store is exclusive to Instant imprints who have the official NMS logo and branding rights from NMS. All NMS clothing, including all sports clothing, must be ordered through this on-line store. A notice will go home when the link goes live.

A NOTE FROM OUR PSSC:

If you are interested in joining Nashwaaksis Middle School's Parent School Support Committee, please pick up your nomination forms at the school office and bring them with you Thursday evening for the orientation event at 6:30. Should an election be necessary for spots on the committee, candidates will be asked to speak briefly at that time. Current, active PSSC members will be contacted to see if they will re-offer for this school year. Based on this response, the number of open seats will be determined prior to Thursday evening. We look forward to your interest!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 15th – Meet and Greet 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sept 23rd – Picture Day ☺