



Nashwaaksis Middle School
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Dear NMS Families:

Greetings! I would like to officially welcome you and your family to the 2022-2023 school year at NMS! I hope you had a well-rested and relaxing summer filled with time spent with family and friends. We are excited for this year and look forward to the learning and the success that will occur. I am sure that you are all wondering what this year will look like. This letter is to introduce you to our current staff and to highlight some important information that is needed for the beginning of the school year.

Our NMS family has changed slightly this year. There are some familiar members as well as some brand-new members among our staff. All are amazing individuals and enthusiastic leaders that possess great talent in education!

Grade 6 Team:

Jessica Curry, Melanie Dunn, Mallory Roberts, Tanya Carr, Danielle Larlee, Bethany Langmaid, Cindy Farrell, Rick LaFrance, Julia Reid

Grade 7 Team:

Allie Brubacher, Quentin Desroches, Reilly Gorham, Kim Kertson, Kendra Van Leeuwen, Peter Trainor, Jill Johnson, Brittney Whitehead, Scott MacEwen, Keegan Dobbleslyen

Grade 8 Team:

Michelle Skead, Corrine Gallagher, Jon Copeland, Lacey Hennigar-Lemon, Louisa Hughes, Alex Matte, Sarah Roach, Nathan Staples, Gary Gautreau

Physical Education:

Jennifer Davis Burgoyne, Adam Grimmer

Maliseet Culture:

Emilie Gray

Behaviour Intervention Mentor:

Jennifer Campbell

Resource:

Pam Shanks, Lindsay Perez, Cecilia Birney

Guidance:

Casey Brophy, Tricia McGraw

Administrative Assistants:

Shannon Peruschek, Susan Lyons

Educational Assistants:

Carol Leblanc, Michelle Mitchell, Linda Arbour, Regina Gillingham, Gregory Holmes, Deborah Mills, Kimberly Gahan, Maria Bourgeois, Liane Kean, Colleen Fraser, Ron Austin, Tasha Burgess, Janice Price, Doreen Merrill,

Administrators:

Mary Brophy (VP), Brett Black (VP), Jaime Foster-Stewart (P)

The following are a few tidbits of information that will be important for the upcoming year:

Tuesday, September 6 – Day 1 for Grade 6 students. This will be an orientation day. Grade 7 & 8 students stay home

Wednesday, September 7-All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 attend

Class lists-Many parents are wondering which homeroom students will be in. Due to continued enrollment numbers, students and their families will not receive phone calls/emails from their child's teacher prior to arrival. We will have lots of staff that will welcome your child to school and make sure they get to their homeroom.

Arrival time/drop off: 7:45 am to 8:15 am firm. Please do not drop your child off before 7:45 am as there is no duty teacher present. A duty teacher must be present for drop off. Your child is considered tardy after 8:15 am. Please have your child to school on time.

NMS is a closed campus. Student are required to always stay on the premises unless signed out at the office by a parent/guardian.

Dismissal: Dismissal is 2:55 pm.

Attendance/Safe Arrival: Attendance is fundamental to academic success. If your child is ill or has an appointment outside of school, please contact the school office to let them know. You can phone the school at 453-5436 and speak to a member of our office team or simply leave a message. If you plan to email your child's teacher regarding attendance please also email our wonderful and dedicated team of Administrative Assistants Shannon Peruschek at shannon.peruschek@nbed.nb.ca or Susan Lyons at susan.lyons@nbed.nb.ca. Excuses for absences must be provided to the homeroom teacher. Students and families are to ensure that all work missed will be completed due to excused absences.

Sign outs-If you require your child to be signed out during the school day, please come directly to the office. Please allow some time for your child to gather their belongings and walk to the office to meet you. It is a large building and takes time to get from one space to another.

Communication: We (office staff) will be using School Messenger to communicate with parents. It is an app that can be downloaded on your smartphone. It goes directly to your email. If you have already signed up or were signed up in previous years, then no worries as you are all set up. Teachers have their own means of communicating with parents that could include email, Microsoft Teams, etc. Information and letters will also be uploaded to the school website. We hope that you will find our website helpful and informative. Please check there often for updated information and events. We are asking parents that if you would like to speak to a staff member, please call the teacher directly at the school or send an email to their email address. If your contact information changes during the school year, please update it with the school as soon as possible so that you can continue to be informed.

Meet the Teacher night -We invite you for an open house on Tuesday, September 13th for a drop in "Meet and Greet" between 5:30 pm-6:30 pm with teachers and staff. We are excited to connect. More information to follow.

Breakfast program: We need your help! Breakfast program will soon be up and running this year. We will provide an update on our needs for the program to run successfully. Currently, we are looking for cash donations. You can donate using School Cash Online or call us directly at the school to discuss how you may be able to support.

Volunteers- We will soon be looking for volunteers. It is policy that every volunteer requires a criminal background check and completion of Policy 704. This process may take a couple of weeks to complete. Therefore, we kindly ask that if you would like to volunteer (ex: coaching, programs, clubs within the school and/or any other extra-curricular activities), documents will need to be provided to the office prior to volunteering. Please contact our office to speak to the Administration team if you are interested and are unsure how to complete. It is a rewarding experience! Not only do you build lasting relationships with staff and student you make a difference in the lives of these students. Please consider volunteering.

Cashless School-Schools throughout ASDW are now using a new program called "[School Cash Online](#)". This is super easy to use and very efficient. This online parent portal offers a safe, fast, and convenient way to pay for school activities and fees. It is customized to allow

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you as a parent, to add your students, make payments, check current balance/account history, print, or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events. Methods of payments that are accepted include: Credit card and eCheck. It's a simple task to register. It takes about two minutes and can be done by visiting <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com>. You will need your child's last name, first name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at 1(866)961-1803 or by visiting schoolcashonline.com/Home/Support.

Student Fees: Student fees are \$45.00. These fees will cover a variety of consumable items such as school supplies, locks, etc. All fees are due by September 30th and can be paid using School Cash Online.

Food Services: Our cafeteria will be open this year! More information to follow including start date and menu.

Drop Off, Parking, Visiting - For morning drop off, parents/guardians are asked to drive around the parking lot traffic circle and pull over into the safety lanes that are defined by the white lines. This is for quick drop offs only. There is a lot of traffic in the morning. Not completing quick drop offs causes significant delays for other parents/students and safety concerns, particularly in winter. If you need a longer drop off time, please feel free to park in our parking lot and take the time you need. Please note that we have many students that walk therefore please maintain the speed limit that is posted at the entrance. A duty person will be on duty to help students into the building safely. Please know that vehicles are not permitted in the bus loading zone.

Transportation/Weather- Transportation information is available at <https://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/transportation/pages/default.aspx>. Delays and school closures are determined by the district and communicated on radio stations, Twitter, district website and the Transportation Information Line (453-5454). Note that NMS is in weather zone 6.

We are a **nut free school**. Please do not send any food containing nuts.

Water bottles: Our fountains are water filling stations only. We do not have water fountains with spouts. It is imperative that your child bring a clean water bottle each day. We do not have refillable glasses at school. Water bottles must be provided from home.

Looking forward to meeting students and their families on Tuesday!

Kindest Regards,

Jaime Foster-Stewart
Principal, NMS