

Welcome to the Dragon Family



2022-2023

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We are thrilled to welcome you to be a part of our
Dragon Family!

In the pages below you will find the answers to many of the questions you may have as your child moves into this new phase of their educational journey.



September 6, 2022 is for Grade 6's only! Our grade 6's will have the attention of all our staff to ensure they feel excited, secure and optimistic about their future at NMS. September 7, 2022 is for all grades.

On the first day of school, we will greet you and your child outside and escort them right to their class so no child will be alone or get lost.



Picture of the First Day!

Taking a picture outside the school on the first day of Middle School is still cool. Do not let them tell you otherwise 😊

7:45am-8:15am Morning Drop Off

Students can be dropped off at the front of the school starting at 7:45am. Please take the extra minute and drive around the round-about and pull up as far up the driveway, towards the Fieldhouse (gym) doors. We will greet your child outside, ask for their first and last name, and then they will be accompanied to their homeroom.



Where does my child go on the first day?

We will greet them outside and accompany each student through the main doors which are located by the sign that says OFFICE by the public library.



Do students bring all our school supplies on the first day?



It is not necessary. It is a heavy load to carry. However, many do bring it all and that is okay too. If they have a binder and pen/pencil, they will be fine for the first day. Go with whatever decision makes your child feel less stressed.

Cafeteria

When do cafeteria services start?

Services will start on September 19, 2022. Students will be permitted to purchase their food and then they will return to their homeroom to eat their lunch with their classmates.



Do they have to buy in the cafeteria? No, it is still cool to

brown bag it 😊

Can students use the microwaves? Yes!



How much money should I send?

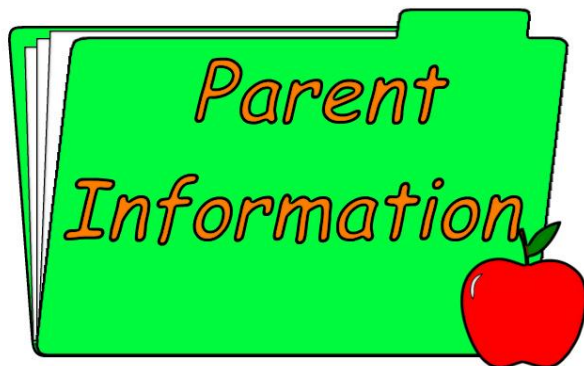
\$5 - \$7 should be enough. To order on-line please use: CafZone.ca *there is no www in the address. More information and menu will be out soon.

Can my child buy at the cafeteria and still attend their club at lunch?

Yes, they will be permitted once clubs start-up.



Will parents receive email notifications for activities and other school information?



The principal will send out school wide memos a few times a month to help organize your family calendar. The school website is also another great tool to keep up to date.

How will we know what activities are available?

Our website has a link to all the clubs. In October when most clubs start please encourage your child to join at least 1 club. This helps them make new friends and explore new interests.



Does middle school still need parent volunteers?

There are so many things we could not do without your support and time. We truly appreciate it when parents can help out 😊

How often does my child have physical education class?

Twice a week minimum. We are working on schedule that offers many body breaks and physical activity throughout the whole day. It will be especially important during messy weather that students have indoor shoes for Phys.Ed class.

FYI: When we say Fieldhouse we mean our gymnasium.



The month of September is expensive with all the extra costs like student fees, school supplies, and indoor shoes...

...What if I cannot manage all those things?

We offer payment plans, we have breakfast club for **ALL** students, backpack program (food sent home in for backpacks for the weekends), extra school supplies and even extra sneakers if your child is in need.



Does everyone in middle school student have a cell phone?

No. They do not need one. We have phones they can use at school if they need to connect with you. If they do have one, please remind them that it needs to stay in their locker during the day including unstructured times such as recess, noon and nutrition breaks.

Are students permitted to leave the school grounds at lunch?

No, we are a closed campus. Unless a parent/guardian picks them up, they need to stay at the school.



What does dismissal look like?

The bell rings at 2:50pm to return to their homeroom teacher.

Dismissal begins at 2:55pm and students.

For the month of September, we will slow the process down to give students' time to get to their lockers and organize themselves.



How do I know what bus my child should take?

Please use the district ASD-W website and click on the transportation tab. You can type in your address, and it should give you the bus number for the morning and the afternoon.



Where do I drop my child off in the morning?

If there is no traffic line up, you may drop them off at the front of the school. If there are cars behind you, please pull up to the Fieldhouse entrance. That way many cars can drop their child off in a safe manner. It can get quite busy here between 8:00am and 8:15 am and we want everyone arriving safely! Please adhere to all speed limits.



Can I email/call my child's teacher?

Always! In fact, they should be your first point of contact for everything. Also, did you know our school has a Facebook and Twitter account? Nashwaaksis Middle School and our handle is @nasismiddle



I think I am more nervous than my child for the first day of school.....How will I last all day without any updates?

Follow us on Twitter (@nasismiddle) and we will be sure to post some pics of how the day unfolds. We promise if your child needs you, that we will be sure to connect with you.

P B I S

Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports

NMS Code of Conduct

Good Hands * Good Feet * Good Manners

We are a PBIS school.

What does that mean?

teaching, modelling, and reinforcing our code of conduct.



PBIS is.... teaching acceptable behaviours

PBIS is....

a teaching approach to discipline

CHOOSE
kindness



PBIS....is creating a positive environment.