

Family Connections

A Periodic Newsletter for the NF Community (Update #1)

Opening Edition for the 2020 - 2021 Academic Year

Know When to Go

The official opening of the school year begins on Tuesday, September 8th. Whether you enrolled in the on-line/remote plan or the in-person plan, it is critical that families understand their assigned days at school, given the BOE approved, **Nordonia Re-Opening Plan**. Please take a look below for a quick overview.



In-Person Plan (Option #1)

Student Last Names A - K, mainly on Mondays and Wednesdays during non-holiday weeks

Student Last Names L - Z, mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays during non-holiday weeks

On-Line/Remote Plan (Option #2)

Students attend school on Mondays - Fridays

The district has created a color-coded calendar that you can print for your family. Here's the link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hy0W6juVfybKkTKD7ea1IE81bSRbjMRY/view?usp=sharing>

To view a more comprehensive document regarding Nordonia's Reopening Plan, click on this link:

https://target.brightarrow.com/Attachments2/3178_-1/2007231730067.pdf



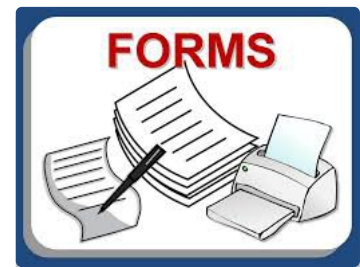


Student-Teacher Assignments to be Released

The ever-changing environment that everyone is experiencing as a result of our world-wide pandemic, has very specific ramifications for the start of school. Normally, student classroom assignments are mailed home by mid-August. Unfortunately, there is a significant delay in preparing this information. As such, families can expect a letter mailed home during the week of August 24th. When the letters are dropped off at the post office, an announcement will be tweeted out on our official Twitter handle at @NFSquirePride. Please **do not** call the school office for this information.

Critical On-Line Forms to be Completed by Families

Each year, parents and care-givers are required to complete on-line forms, using the Parent Portal in our student information system. **Now more than ever, it is critical that information is accurate; including, parent email addresses.** If this information is not complete, families will miss targeted information related to their child's education. Please complete today by accessing the main district website at www.nordoniaschools.org. Midway down the page, click on the "Forms" tab.



Facial Masks Required for All

As we prepare to welcome our students back to the building, please be advised that facial masks are required for all students, teachers, and staff. We know this will be a challenge; however, we are committed in stopping the spread of COVID. Additionally, we are required to be compliant with orders from the Governor and the Ohio Departments of Health and Education. If your child requires an exception from the standard rule, based on published expectations, please secure a physician's document now. **The mask requirement goes into effect on day one.** As concerned educators, we are making plans for 'mask breaks' and other activities to support our students.

How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask

7 Quick Tips for Parents **BIS**

Explain WHY

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing. For example, 'Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs.'

Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks. You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.



Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes. Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.



Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers. If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!



Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask. Some ideas include a scarf, balaclava or bandana.



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Kindergarten Screenings: Student screenings for all kindergarten students will take place on August 20, 21 and 24th. Families scheduled these appointments during registration. Don't panic if you forgot about your appointment. Confirmation calls will be made on Wednesday, August 19th. Included with the screening will be a one-on-one family tour of the building. A virtual orientation will take place in late August/early September. Families will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

New Student Orientation: For new students in grades 1-4, you will be invited to a New Student Orientation program on Thursday, September 3. Families will sign-up for a small-group time frame via an invitation link.

Summer Reading: If you've waited all summer long to complete your summer reading assignment, you have approximately (3) weeks left. Check out this brochure for your specific assignment:

<https://www.nordoniaschools.org/SummerReading.aspx>

School Supplies: If you ordered school supplies through the "1st Day School Supplies" program, your child's materials will be placed on his/her desk beginning on the first day of school. If you have selected the on-line/remote option, you will be contacted by the school in late August to collect your materials.

Meet, Greet and Drop: This annual program is cancelled for this year. For obvious reasons, we can't have large groups of families in our building at any one time. Please have your child bring his/her school supplies over the course of the first two weeks.

Yearbooks: If you ordered a yearbook from last spring, it will be delivered to the student during the first week of school.




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