

# Family Connections

Bi-Monthly Newsletter for NF Families

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

## Join Us for Open House/Curriculum Night

NF's annual *Open House/Curriculum Night* is scheduled for next Thursday, September 23rd. Parents and caregivers are invited to meet with the teacher, review academics, ask about procedures and protocols, and talk with fellow parents. This is a parent/caregiver evening only. This is not a time to speak with the teachers individually regarding your child. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November.



In an effort to keep as socially distanced as possible, please adhere to the schedule listed below. This is an in-person event, and masks are required for all. There is no virtual option. Following this schedule will also assist with parking. Thanks for your cooperation.

Grades: Kindergarten, Second, and Fourth @ 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Grades: First and Third @ 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.



**STAR Assessments**

Throughout this week and next, teachers are assessing all of their students in both reading and math, via the use of the Renaissance STAR Assessment. These computerized tests offer a snapshot of where your child is performing based on national norms. This year, this assessment is of particular importance as educators across the nation attempt to uncover what areas of 'learning loss' may exist due to the past (18) months of inconsistent learning/teaching. The scores for the STAR assessment, along with an individual reading assessment, will be shared with you at parent-teacher conferences in November.

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**Star Assessments**



Thanks, Mrs. Malkus!

## PTA Fun Run Starts on Monday

On Monday, our PTA will kick-off the year's largest fundraiser, the Fun Run. Now in its third year, the Fun Run lasts several weeks, culminating in an awesome, day-long experience of team-building, exercise, music, and 'running.' Hopefully, we will be able to return to the format used two years ago, rather than a Dance-a-Thon like last year. Since the program will be outdoors, the PTA will soon be looking for a parent committee in planning and executing this program. The funds raised last year helped to fund the installation of the new gymnasium mats. NF is currently considering another large item purchase that will benefit our children. Look for more information coming soon.



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**COMMUNITY FLYERS**

Join the NF PTA

Parent/Caregiver Mobile App for Progress Book

October Tech Talk

Consider attending with other Nordonia parents...a timely presentation, given social media use.

Annual Nordonia Fill the Bus Campaign

Annual Girls' Program Ready to Run

Girl Scouts Recruit in Local Area

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

## Important Dates

- Teacher In-Service Day, Friday, September 17th (***No School for Students***)
- NF Fun Run '21 Kick-Off, Monday, September 20
- Futures Conference, Wednesday, September 22, 6 - 8p.m., NHS Broman Commons
- Open House/Curriculum Night, In-Person, Thursday, September 23 (*see above*)
- Spirit Day, Friday, September 24 (*wear Nordonia clothing or green/white/black*)
- Announce PAX Leaders of the Month, Thursday, September 30th


## Final Announcements


- School Counselor Website:  
<https://sites.google.com/nordoniaschools.org/nf-healthy-habits-heroes/home>
- Updates in Art Class with Mrs. Malkus: <https://www.smore.com/xszfh>
- Please remember to turn-in any paperwork affiliated with the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Depending on the number of families who qualify, we may be able to maintain our Title 1 tutors for next year, based on this year's compliance.
- Transportation continues to be a struggle not only across the district, but across northeast Ohio districts. There is a labor shortage which creates difficulties for the supervisors. Normally, they respond quickly and effectively to parental concerns. This is proving to be difficult. The district continues to work on improving in this area.
- Parent visitors at the school are postponed at the present time. At the end of the first quarter, all (3) elementary buildings will reassess for the remainder of the year.
- Knights Caring for Knights, (KC4K), offers a weekend food program for families who need assistance. If you would like to participate, please complete this confidential form so that the high school organization can put you on the list. Typically, a bag or two of food comes home with your child on Fridays. Here is the participation link: [KC4K Request Form](#)





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