



NORDONIA HILLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Nordonia Families,

We made it! After one of the most difficult school years in history, it looks like things are finally getting back to normal. I have several items for you as we look to the future.

1. Thursday, May 27, is the last day of school for part-time kindergarten students.
2. Friday, May 28, is the last day of school for all other students.
3. Friday will be a two-hour early dismissal for all schools. Buses will run two hours earlier than usual, and parents who pick students up may arrive two hours earlier than usual. High school students will follow their regular exam schedule.
4. As with all things related to Covid-19, changes can happen at any times. However, based on what we know right now, this is what you can expect for the 2021-22 school year:
 - a. School will start on time and be open five days per week for all students.
 - b. Masks will be permitted but not required of students or staff.
 - c. We WILL NOT offer an Option 2 for families. The Digital Knights program that has been in place for the last ten years for students in grades 6-12 will continue to operate, and students on IEPs will continue to be accommodated per their IEP requirements.
5. Something we learned from Covid-19 was the benefit of a “soft start” to the school year. The table on the next page shows the start of school calendar for each building.

School	Start Schedule
Nordonia High School	Thursday, 8/26: grade 9 only Friday, 8/27: all students
Nordonia Middle School	Thursday 8/26: grade 8 only Friday, 8/27: grade 7 only
Lee Eaton Elementary School	Thursday, 8/26: all students last names A-K Friday, 8/27: all students last names L-Z Monday, 8/30: all students
Ledgeview Elementary School Rushwood Elementary School Northfield Elementary School	Thursday, 8/26: grades 1-4, last names A-K Friday, 8/27: grades 1-4, last names L-Z Monday, 8/30: all students grades 1-4 Kindergarten students will receive a separate communication detailing the starting procedures.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing summer break. Students should read something every day, play outside every day, and help their parents around the house every day. Have them put their devices down and use their imaginations. Suggest they play in a creek or climb a tree or ride a bike. Encourage them to play a board game or flashlight tag. Help them build a fort. Let them sleep in the backyard and tell scary stories with their friends. Teach them how to play red rover or catch-one-catch-a-bunch or red-light green-light. They should get sweaty and dirty and skin their knees. Many of us will be sitting in our offices all summer, and one day your kids will be too.

Kids will return to school on August 26 or 27. That gives them 90 or 91 days to make some great memories with their friends and families. We will be ready to teach them when they get back. Until then, we want them to have fun being kids.

Have a great, safe, relaxing summer, and Go Knights!

Sincerely,



Joe Clark, Ph.D.
Superintendent