



Nordonia Middle School

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Dear Nordonia Middle School Families,

Welcome Back! We are excited to see our 7th and 8th grade students walk through the doors in a couple of weeks, and we are looking forward to a fantastic 2024-2025 school year. This document should provide you with information on forms, schedules, new student and 7th grade schedule pick-up and walkthrough, and some important contact information to start the school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 330-467-0584. Staff email addresses are first.lastname@nordoniaschools.org.

NMS Front Office Team

Mr. Bryan Seward Building Principal	330-908-6606 bryan.seward@
Mrs. Ashley Turner Associate Principal	330-908-6607 ashley.turner@
Mrs. Theresa Kaleal School Counselor Grade 7	330-908-6609 theresa.kaleal@
Mrs. Martina Weems School Counselor Grade 8	330-908-6608 martina.weems@
Main Office Mrs. Ceca Sarkissian/Mrs. Celeste Olenik Administrative Assistants	330-467-0584
Attendance Line	330-908-6160

Forms

Required student forms are available on the district website. Look under the category "Families>District Forms" and you will find the link:

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



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You will be able to log into the Final Forms account by using the login information that was sent to your chosen email address. If for any reason you did not receive the activation email, please contact Mike Russ at mike.russ@nordoniaschools.org.

Student Schedules

Schedule distribution and building walkthrough for 7th grade students and students who are new to the district will be August 14th, from 9-11am. The walkthrough is meant to allow students to gain a general sense of familiarity with the building, but is not meant to be a full orientation. All students will receive a full orientation on their staggered start days. 8th grade students who are not new to the district should access their schedules through Progress Book.....**All schedules will be posted in Progress Book on August 14, 2024 for students to access.** Students should bring a printed copy of their schedule on the first day of school.

The scheduling of students in Middle School is based on a combination of student course need, student choice of electives, and balancing our students equally between our 3 academic teams per grade level. Any scheduling conflicts will be addressed on a case by case basis. Valid reasons to have a schedule change are due to a student having too many courses, missing courses, CCP enrollment, and summer course completion. Reasons why a schedule will not be changed include: to change an assigned teacher/team, to be in a class with a friend, to change a lunch period, etc. Please call your grade level counselor for an appointment to discuss any questions or concerns.

Staggered Start Days/School Pictures/First Days of School

Staggered start days are utilized to provide each grade level with a full orientation to the school. Only one grade level attends school each of the staggered start days.

August 20 - 8th grade only

August 21 - 7th grade only

August 22 - All Students Report!

***** A separate eblast with information for ordering school pictures will be sent along with this eblast, or check our school website for details!**

School Supplies

School supplies needed for 7th and 8th grade are general in nature, however additional supplies may be required for special projects and/or elective courses.

7th grade/New to the District 8th Grade Schedule Pick-up and Walkthrough

Wednesday, August 14th, between 9 am and 11:00 am, is the schedule pick up and walkthrough for our incoming 7th grade students, and any students who are new to the district. Students and parents will be able to pick up a copy of their schedule, learn how to use and unlock lockers, walk their schedule, and get familiar with



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the building. Miss Tatton, our 7th grade class advisor, and some of our current and former students will be available to help guide you during the walkthrough times. Your visit should not take the full time, in fact you should expect your visit to take between 15 and 30 minutes. Please come in at your convenience during the scheduled time.

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

Drop-off: Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up of students is in the Gymnasium parking lot only. Please do not drop students in the front of the school. To ensure student safety and timely arrival to school, the bus lane is in front of the school, and is for buses only. School doors will open at 7:40 for students. To ensure proper supervision, only students who have a prior appointment with a teacher will be allowed to enter the school before 7:40, and will need to enter through the main office doors and check into the office. Any student who arrives late to school may be dropped off at the Main entrance **after 8:00 am**, and must sign in late in the Main Office.

Pick-up: Student pick up and morning drop-off is in the Gymnasium parking lot only. The bus lane in the front of the school extends the length of the school to the Gymnasium parking lot. Please help us ensure our students safe and efficient dismissal by keeping the bus lane clear until 3:10 pm. All students being picked up will exit the building through the Gymnasium hallway exit at the 2:51 bell. To ensure student safety, students must be picked up in the gymnasium parking lot or along the sidewalk below the parking lot along the baseball field. Please are prohibited from crossing the street on school property as there is no crossing area.

We encourage all students and families to utilize the bus transportation whenever possible. The Middle School can be a difficult place at arrival and dismissal, and traffic can back up easily. The best way to avoid traffic is not to be a part of the traffic! Buses will continue to arrive throughout the dismissal process, please do not block the roadway to allow buses, and other traffic, to flow properly. Please be patient and courteous to other drivers, and aware of students at all times. The safety of our students is our first priority. If you have a time-sensitive appointment after school, we encourage you to check your student out of school early rather than risk injury by asking them to cross a busy street.

Breakfast, Lunch, and the Daily Schedule

The middle school lunch price is \$3.25, and the breakfast price is \$2.00. Extra items of second helpings are available at an additional cost. All food is to be eaten in the cafeteria both at lunch and before school.

All first class for students begins at 8:00 am, and the dismissal bell rings at 2:51 pm. Being timely to school, as well as attending daily will help ensure high levels of student achievement are taking place. Please see these [10 Facts About School Attendance](#) for more information.

Communication



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We encourage everyone to stay engaged with NMS by making sure you have access to information as it is published. We communicate via eblast, all call phone messages and the Nordonia Middle School Website. We also require students to set up and check their student gmail accounts daily. Each grade level team has a Google Classroom account, and parent oversight is encouraged.

Technology Use

As part of our commitment to providing a safe and conducive learning environment for all our students, cell phones and other personal technology may not be used on campus during school hours.

We understand that this decision may raise questions and concerns among parents, and we want to assure you that it has been made with careful consideration for the well-being and academic success of our students. By limiting cell phone use on campus, we aim to:

1. Minimize distractions and promote a more focused learning environment.
2. Reduce opportunities for cyberbullying and online harassment.
3. Foster face-to-face communication and social interaction among students.
4. Encourage responsible use of technology and respect for school rules and regulations.

We recognize that cell phones can be valuable tools for communication and safety, especially in emergency situations. Therefore, students are permitted to bring cell phones to school; however, they must be turned off and stored in their lockers or backpacks during school hours. In case of emergency, students can seek assistance from school staff to use a phone.

We look forward to seeing our 8th grade students back to NMS, and to welcoming our students who are new to the district and incoming 7th grade students and families. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and Go Knights!

Best Regards,

Bryan Seward

Principal, Nordonia Middle School