



Dear Parents,

August, 2018

I am looking forward to entering into another exciting school year at Norwalk Catholic School! I hope you have had a relaxing and joyful summer!! We have a lot planned for the upcoming year! Please read below for updates and pertinent information.

Schedule:

- The first day of school is Thursday, August 23rd.
- First bell is at 8:50am and dismissal is at 3:10pm. Students arriving prior to 8:30am should report to the cafeteria beginning at 8am.
- If you need to be at work prior to 8am, register and utilize the Flyer Clubhouse at the Early Childhood Center. Bus transportation is provided for elementary students from the Flyer Clubhouse to the elementary campus each morning, as well as after school. Please call Mrs. Natalie Livengood to register for this service (419) 668-6091.
- **Supervision of students in grades 1-6 is not provided before 8:00am.**

Drop off/Pick up:

- Please use the Wooster Street side of our campus for drop-off of students in the morning.
- There will no longer be a morning crossing guard on Wooster Street. Parents are encouraged to walk their students across the street or drop off at the school curb without students having to cross the street. At the end of each day, there will be a crossing guard on Wooster Street, as this is a very busy time with high school, junior high, and elementary students leaving school.
- **The Milan Avenue side of campus is for buses only. It is a heavy traffic area and we must keep our students safe.**
- Parents of students in grades 1 & 2 are required to come inside the Annex building at pickup, to retrieve your child from the classroom.
- Grade 3 parents must come to the Monroe Street gym side doors for pick-up.
- Grades 4-6, parents will meet their students outside the convocation center front doors.
- Older sibling picking up: Make sure your older children are aware they must pick-up younger siblings as soon as they are released. Teachers have bus duty, tutoring, meetings, and other obligations after school. Also, if a change for pick-up occurs throughout the school day, **call Mrs. Livengood before 2:30pm. Do not email the information to your child's teacher;** they may not see the change before the end of the school day.

Communication:

- Teachers will use Google Calendar, as well as teacher web pages and email for communication.

- We will continue to use PowerSchool to track your child's progress and completion of assignments.
- Your child's Power School log-in information will be in their folder at Open House.
- Parents can download the Power School App to mobile devices.

Open House:

- The Elementary Open House is Tuesday, August 21st, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Bring your child to school to meet their teacher, see the classrooms, and tour the campus! We look forward to seeing you!
- It is highly recommended to bring in school supplies at Open House to drop off to your child's teacher. This makes for much less to carry on the first day of school.

New lunch prices: For the 2018-2019 school year, the lunch prices have changed.

- Grades 1-3 will be \$2.60
- Grades 4-6 will be \$3.10
- Milk remains \$0.50, with lactose-free milk \$0.75 each.
- Students will continue to have the option to order a second choice meal

Class lists:

- Class lists will be posted on the web page, as well as the elementary doors on Friday, August 10, 2018 by 11:00am.
- ***Once lists are posted, no changes or requests will be honored.***

Uniforms:

- The uniform exchange is open M-F from 9am-3pm, beginning August 6th.

Changes to Staff for the 2018-2019 school year:

Please welcome our "new" staff members and note the changes below:

- First grade: Mrs. Hannah Wilde will be part time this school year, teaching each day from morning until noon, M-F. Mrs. Lori Matlack will be an educational aide in the mornings, and will take over for Mrs. Wilde from noon until the end of the school day. She will be there for specials, religion, and remedial work. This change will allow Mrs. Wilde to be more available to her infant son, Grayson. All planning and parent communication will go through Mrs. Wilde, who will continue to be the reading teacher for all of grade one students. If you have any questions, please let me know.
- Fourth grade: Mrs. Abigail Asher has taken over for Mrs. Julee Fries. Mrs. Fries decided over the summer months to retire. We are very blessed to have had Mrs. Fries for over 30 years at NCS! She will be missed, however she is planning to offer tutoring to students throughout the school year. Mrs. Asher comes to us from the ECC and has taught preschool for four years at NCS, as well as two years of teaching and coaching out of district. She is certified through the Ohio Department of Education Pre-K through 5th grade. Mrs. Asher will teach reading and science for both classes, as well as the regular curriculum. We are very excited to have Mrs. Asher joining the elementary team!
- Elementary music: Mrs. Tami Clark has taken over for Martin Hanke who retired at the end of last school year. Mrs. Clark is the wife of NCS band director Chris

Clark. Tami has experience teaching Junior High and High School students history and Life Skills classes, youth group, musicals, musical instruments, and church choir to name a few! Tami is planning some wonderful things for our elementary music program!

Changes to the student handbook:

- I have made modifications, with Governing Board approval, to various areas in the student handbook.
- Please note changes to dress code, the lice/nits policy, and changes affecting the technology policy regarding disciplinary action emanating from outside school issues that spill over into the classroom, disrupting learning.
- A digital copy of the handbook is available on our web page for your review. We will print a paper copy upon request.
- A signature page will come home and be required of all families that they have read the handbook, understand it, and accept the terms set therein. It is vital we work together for the success of our children. By having the expectations outlined ahead of time, we are ensuring the safety, success, and well-being of all of our students at Norwalk Catholic School.
- Signature pages will come home at Open House in folders and these will need to be returned no later than 8/31/18. (One signature per family, not per student.)

Sacramental Prep: Second Grade

- It is important to note that the granting of the sacraments is a parish community event. At NCS, we prepare the child with daily religion lessons and weekly Mass, however the taking of the sacrament itself is planned and granted by the church. Please contact your parish to be registered for the necessary sacramental preparation. St. Paul's Church has partnered in a Deanery of local parishes to prepare for the sacraments together. The online deadline to register is 8/15/18. Please take this into consideration, as this date is fast approaching. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Kelly Ericsson with St. Paul's church, at 419-668-6044 Ext. 230

In closing, please say a prayer for the staff and students as this new school year approaches, that we have a wonderful year! Contact me with any questions or concerns you may have upon reviewing this letter and information. I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

God bless,

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“So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us in made new every day.” -2 Corinthians 4:16