

September 2024

East Northport Middle School

PARENT LINK



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back! We hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer with family and friends. We've had a wonderful start to the new year. Each day, you can expect your child to be asked to read like a detective, and write like a well renowned author. To hypothesize like a scientist, and to problem solve like a mathematician. For in the end our staff will be differentiating instruction in the classroom to meet the learning needs of every student while sharing their own enthusiasm and joy of learning.

Our 5th grade "Meet and Greet" was a great success! A special thank you to our 5th grade teachers, as well as our ENMS PTSA who were there welcoming our new parents. It was a huge sigh of relief for both our students and parents to know that they will be supported in their new school environment by caring and dedicated people. We can't wait to greet our turning ENMS students who will help foster ENMS PRIDE. That's because our students embody the characteristics of Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy each and every day.

As you know, the middle school years are a period of tremendous growth and change. As the school year begins take the opportunity to discuss the upcoming school year with your child. Ask your child what you as a parent, or we as a school community can do to help him/her to have a successful school year. Set a routine early on and stick with it. But always remember to encourage, praise and celebrate along the way. Together we can achieve great success!

Lastly, as we navigate within this digital environment, remember, technology will never replace a warm personal connection. If you have any questions about your child's progress throughout the year, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher or school counselor. A good conversation will never be replaced by an email or social media. It is part of our shared human experience.

Though this Parent Link is full of important information on the start of school, please don't hesitate to call either one of us if you have any questions or need assistance. We are enthusiastic to share this journey together and are committed to ensuring that you and your child have a wonderful experience here at East Northport Middle School. All of us will continue to foster ENMS PRIDE and a culture of respect and acceptance where each and every child feels engaged, safe and supported.

Finally, on behalf of all of our staff here at ENMS, we wish you a safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat DeStefano".

Pat DeStefano, Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Storch".

Laurie Storch, Assistant Principal



TRANSPORTATION

Do you have a question about bus transportation in the district? If you have any questions you need answered about our transportation program, please log on to our website at <http://web.northport.k12.ny.us>, go to the "District" Link and scroll down to "Transportation". There is a wealth of information. Please note that bus routes can be found on the Parent Portal. There you will find your child's bus letter, route, and times.

BUILDING RESPONSIBILITY

Teach your middle schooler the importance of being on time. Is your child a "slow poke" in the morning? Do you often drop him/her off late for school? When you don't expect your child to be on time, here's the message you're sending:

- School isn't that important.
- Rules can be broken.
- Your child's commitment to teachers and classmates isn't that vital.
- Being a group member doesn't entail responsibilities to the group.
- Your child is not an important member of the school community.



Kids who are on time for school are more inclined to take school commitments seriously. They respect others' time and needs. As a result, they do better in school. Being on time is a habit kids can learn.

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ABSENCES & EXCUSES

Should your child be absent from school, it is important for a parent or guardian to phone the school that morning. Please call the Attendance Office at 262-6774. Upon returning to school, the student must bring a written excuse signed by the parent or guardian giving the date(s) of the absence and the reason.

Students who are absent for any reason will be held responsible for all work missed. Please check your teacher's Google Classroom page link on the school's website to see if your teacher's assignments are posted. The school website can be accessed through the district website under "schools". It may also be a good idea to have a "homework buddy" or another classmate to obtain missed assignments. Additionally, if your child needs to leave early because of a doctor/dentist appointment or for personal reasons, please send a note in with your child, to the attendance office in the morning. This will eliminate the need to disturb classes in order to locate your child.

Think "Safety"!

As we begin the new school year, please discuss with your child the importance of traffic safety. Children do not always understand the limitations of automobiles or the driver's ability, or inability, to react quickly. Let us all remember to:



Cross the bus circle at the crosswalks



Utilize the services of the crossing guard, when crossing Fifth Avenue



Stand safely off the road while waiting for buses at bus stops and wear an appropriate face mask



Obey all traffic laws while riding bikes to and from school



Wear a helmet while riding bikes

Adults can also do their part to ensure the safety of our children. Please remember to always use extra caution when driving through our traffic circle. A distracted child may not see you coming. Please pull up as far as possible when dropping children off for early morning programs. Do not drop off or pick children up on the south side of Fifth Avenue unless you have instructed your child to walk to the crossing guard to cross the street. Parents are advised that the sports buses must pick up students in the east parking lot. No one is permitted to block that entrance. Please pull all the way into the parking lot and stand away from the gym doors. No one is permitted in the front bus semicircle between the hours of 8:00 and 4:15 p.m. without special permission in advance.

Here are a few things to remember to ensure a smooth beginning:

School opens at 8:45 a.m. Students must be in Homeroom/1st period no later than 8:50 a.m.

Lunch periods will be as follows:

Grade 5 Period 3 (10:32 to 11:17 a.m.)
Grade 6 Period 4 (11:21 to 12:06 p.m.)
Grade 7 Period 6 (12:59 to 1:44 p.m.)
Grade 8 Period 5 (12:10 to 12:55 p.m.)

Dismissal will be staggered by grade:

5th grade dismissed at 3:16 p.m.
6th grade dismissed at 3:20 p.m.
7th grade dismissed at 3:22 p.m.
8th grade dismissed at 3:22 p.m.



The phones in the main office, counseling office and health office are busy during the day especially at the beginning and end of the day. Consequently, students will not be able to use the office phones for their personal calls. In an emergency, we will of course allow students to make a call from the office using their cell phone (a speakerphone will be used if a child does not have a cell phone). Otherwise, all cell phones must be off and away during the school day. Students may not call or send a text message during the school day without permission.

In an effort to minimize classroom interruptions, only in cases of great emergency, such as a sudden serious illness in the home, will our office personnel deliver a message to the classroom. This practice is most rare and followed only under unusual and demanding circumstances. Otherwise, messages will be delivered during your child's lunch period.

Fifth grade parents should complete the attached ENMS Student Dismissal form.

To start the school year, students were assigned a locker and a lock as well as a Student Organizer in 5th and 6th grade. As always, please encourage your child to use it.

VISITOR PROCEDURES

All visitors wishing to enter the school must do so through the main lobby entrance. Our greeter will request a driver's license or government issued photo identification. Once in the building, a visitor's pass must be worn at all times. Visitors who are unable to present government issued photo identification will be denied admittance.

MORNING DROP-OFF



Early morning music drop-off:

Prior to 8:00am. ONLY, the bus lane in front of the school will be utilized. Enter through the east driveway, make a left turn into the bus lane and proceed as far west as you can. Drop off your child(ren) and have them enter the building through the main entrance doors. PLEASE be courteous and DO NOT pass another vehicle in the bus lane. From 8:00 to 4:15pm, vehicles other than school buses are prohibited from driving through this bus lane without special permission. Please do not enter the bus circle after 8:00am. This area must be reserved for our many busses; please use the east parking lot or the north curbside of Fifth Avenue.

For students arriving at school for the 8:45am opening, please adhere to the following procedures:

If you are dropping off a fifth grader, please enter the east parking lot and drop him/her off along the western curb near the C Wing Door in the rear of the building. This is a safe spot for him/her to exit the car. Please do not park in a parking space and have your child attempt to cross in front of cars pulling up for drop-off. Also remember that making a left turn out of the east parking lot is prohibited during the posted times. For more information, you may contact the main office.

If you are dropping off a sixth grader, allow your child to exit only along the north side of Fifth Avenue and utilize the crosswalks to the front doors near the gym. In that area students may use crosswalks to safely access the building and should wait by the doors near the gymnasium.

If you are dropping off a seventh and eighth grader, allow your child to exit your car only on the north side of Fifth Avenue. In that area students may use crosswalks to safely access the building and should wait by the main entrance doors near the auditorium.

- Please do not drop your child off in the west parking lot; it is reserved for staff use.

We ask that you do not drop your child off to school prior to 8:15am unless reporting for morning music or a pre-arranged activity or extra help session. After arriving on school property, all students should report to the appropriate grade level doors and will be supervised beginning at 8:15am.

If your child is a “walker” please encourage him/her to cross at the crosswalks and utilize the services of the crossing guards. Please do not allow them to cross Fifth Avenue unescorted. There are crossing guards at Furwood and Atlantic Avenues.

These simple measures will make the area safer for all. I know time is short, but please drive safely. Help us to maintain a safe place for our children. We want all children to arrive at school safely.

ENTERING SCHOOL AFTER REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

Students, parents and visitors may enter the building using the main entrance only. This includes individuals attending sporting events in the gymnasium. Security monitors may also request photo identification or require visitors to sign-in.



East Northport Middle School Appropriate Dress for School

As we begin a new year, we encourage you to dress appropriately for school and for all school events.

- Be sure that your choice of clothing is not an educational distraction.
- All clothing must be free from negative messages. Specific messages that are biased, sexual, violent, or depict drugs/alcohol or any illegal item in nature cannot be worn.
- All pants, shorts and skirts should be appropriate length, to not cause an educational distraction.
- All tees, tank tops and blouses should be worn to cover the abdomen, waistline and back.
- Undergarments should never be visible (not including waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under clothing).
- Do not wear clothing that is see-through. Clothes must be worn in a way such that private parts are covered.
- Students who do not comply with these guidelines will be asked to change clothing. These guidelines apply to all school events, including concerts, Friday night events, trips, and athletic events.

Thank you for your cooperation!



East Northport Middle School Student Dismissal Plan 2024-2025

The safe and secure dismissal of hundreds of children in grades 5-8 is an awesome responsibility and one that we take very seriously. To assist us in ensuring a smooth dismissal for your 5th grade student, please complete this form and return it with your child on the first day of school so we can prepare accordingly. Your respectful understanding and thoughtful cooperation will be most appreciated. Please provide one copy for each 5th grade child in your family.

FYI- Please notify the main office and classroom teacher should there be any change in transportation.

Child's name: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher's name:** _____

Please check accordingly:

☐ I, or my designee, will pick up my child at school each day. *(Please provide name/s of designee/s)*

☐ My child will take the bus home.

☐ My child will walk home at dismissal.

☐ My child will ride his/her bike. Bike agreement required.

☐ My child will attend the SCOPE after school program: Please circle those days that apply: M, T, W, Th, or F. Please indicate plan on alternate days if not every day.

Thank you!

~ Mr. Pat DeStefano, Principal

Mrs. Laurie Welch Storch, Assistant Principal

Parent Signature: _____



NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS

158 Laurel Avenue, PO Box 210, Northport, NY 11768

Phone: 631-262-6632 Fax: 631-262-6892

September 2024

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

For many years, the Northport-East Northport School District has taken a very conservative approach with the application of pesticides. Consistent with this approach, New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides throughout the school year.

The district is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

In the unlikely event that we do need to apply pesticides and you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification, please complete the form below and return it to Mr. John Lackner, the Northport-East Northport School District pesticide representative at 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, NY 11768. (Please Note: If you requested Pesticide Notification previously and you want to be notified again, you must complete the form below.) Please write PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION on the envelope.

Please note that the following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- ☐ A school remains unoccupied for continuous 72-hours following an application
- ☐ Anti-microbial products
- ☐ Non-volatile rodenticide in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- ☐ Non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- ☐ Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- ☐ Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- ☐ The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- ☐ The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CRF152.25
- ☐ The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

Please feel free to contact Mr. John Lackner at 262-6863 for further information on the above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Howard

Robert Howard
Assistant Superintendent for Business

Please Print

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification for the 2024/2025 School Year

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Fax # _____ Name of School Building: _____

For 48-hour prior notification, return this form to Mr. John Lackner, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York 11768



Notes from the Nurse

Fall Sports- Information for [2024 Fall Sports Sign Ups](#) (incoming 7 and 8 grade) can be found on the ENMS website. Registration will be online through [Family ID](#) prior to start of fall sports. Follow the link for [Intent to Participate registration](#). Please make sure to choose only ONE sport and make sure you sign up for the correct school. You will receive email confirmation of registration and again for final approval. An updated physical, (within one year from start of sport), is required to be cleared to participate in a sport. Please make sure to contact your child's healthcare provider to schedule a physical if needed.

All 5th and 7th grade students: New York State Law requires all 5th and 7th graders and new entrants have a physical examination by a New York State licensed physician. The physical must be completed within one year of the start of the upcoming school year. Please have the doctor complete the physical on [the new required NYS form](#). (click link to access). The physical must include height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing and scoliosis screening. If vision and hearing is not completed by your private MD, the school nurse will complete the screening.

NYS Immunization Requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year for 6-12th Grades

Immunization	Number of Doses
DTaP/DTP	3 doses
Tdap	Age 11: Must receive an immunization containing Tetanus Toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap)
Polio	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at age 4 or older
MMR	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B Vaccine (Recombivax)
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)	1 dose for Grade 7, 8*, 9* & 10 and 11 12th Grade - 2 doses or 1 dose if dose was received at 16yrs or older

Proof of immunization can be any of the items listed below:

- ☐ An immunization certificate signed or stamped by your health care provider.
- ☐ A record issued by NYSIIS or CIR from NYC or an official immunization registry from another state or official record from a foreign country.
- ☐ An electronic health record from your provider's office.
- ☐ A blood test (titer) lab report that proves your child is immune to measles, mumps, rubella varicella (chickenpox), or hepatitis B.
- ☐ For varicella (chickenpox), a note from your health care provider (MD, NP, PA) which says your child had chickenpox.

As per the New York State Education Department, proof of immunization must be sent to your child's school nurse, by [September 19, 2024](#) to avoid exclusion from school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your healthcare provider, or your child's school nurse.

MEDICATION-----New York State Law requires that:

ALL MEDICATIONS BE REGISTERED WITH THE SCHOOL NURSE.

NO STUDENT will be permitted to carry or take and medication on his or her own (Including all prescription or over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin).

- ☐ A completed ["Administration of Medication in Schools"](#) form must be completed by your family physician and submitted to the school nurse for any medication needed by your child during the school day. These medications must be administered by the school nurse.
- ☐ New medication forms for both prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications must be signed by the provider and parent annually. Orders are good for the entire school year.
- ☐ Medication must remain in the properly labeled pharmacy or original OTC container.
If your child's provider has determined that your child may self-carry and self-administer their emergency medication, please have your healthcare provider complete the appropriate ["Self-Carry"](#) form which requires provider consent and parent signature. *** Self-carry options for Middle School are inhalers and Epipens only. ***
- ☐ Medication forms are available on the district web site or may be obtained from the school health office. Your physician may use their own form if desired.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Looking forward to a great year!!

Rita Enright R.N.

Phone- 631-262-6775 Fax -631-262-6898 Email-rita.enright@northport.k12.ny.us

East Northport Middle School

Main Office—262-6770
Attendance Office—262-6774
Nurse's Office—262-6775
Guidance Office—262-6776

September Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 24th—PTSA Meeting—7pm

Friday, September 27th—Back to School Bash—6:30-8:30pm



NONDISCRIMINATORY NOTICE

The Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in compliance with federal and state statutes, does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, disability, marital status, veteran status, age or sexual orientation. Compliance insures that discrimination does not occur in any policies or practices of admission, program, activity, placement, vocational opportunity, or employment. Questions or grievances concerning these matters should be directed to the Section 504 District Compliance Officer, Allyson Giaimo, (631)262-6622, or, the Title IX District Compliance Officer, Shannon Dantuono, (631)262-8546. Questions or grievances may also be made in writing to those named above at P.O. Box 210, Northport, New York, 11768.