

Nantucket Intermediate School Newsletter

August 2018



Important Dates

Monday, September 3rd

- **No School** - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4th

- First day of School

Wednesday, September 12th

- FONPS Meeting 6:00 PM
- Parent NIS Band Meeting

Thursday, September 13th

- Superintendent's Coffee 8:00
- NIS School Picture Day

Friday, September 14th

- NIS Parent Coffee 8:00 AM

Wednesday, September 19th

- Early Release Day 12:00

Tuesday, September 25th

- NIS Open House 6 - 8 PM

Friday, October 5th

- **No School** - Teacher Professional Development

Monday, October 8th

- **No School** - Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 10th

- Walk/Bike to School Day

Wednesday, October 24th

- Early Release Day 12:00

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From the Principal - Evemarie McNeil

Welcome 2018-2019 school year! Ms. Goeglein and I look forward to a wonderful year of learning with our students and collaboration with our families! This year we will reflect on our first year together as a brand new school and strive to find ways to improve the teaching and learning for all. We look forward to partnering with staff, students, families and the community to ensure that our Nantucket Intermediate school community creates and lives a mission statement and core values that capture who we are and what we are all about. Our mission and core values will reflect the Nantucket Public Schools mission and vision noted below:

OUR MISSION:

World Class Learning

We Learn, Grow and Care through Rigor, Relevance and Relationships

OUR VISION:

In partnership with a caring community, Nantucket Public Schools will create a dynamic learning environment which engages each of us to be inspired learners and responsible citizens, prepared to meet global challenges.

This mission and vision statement continue to guide us and support our work to articulate and live just what it is we believe students need to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and physically at NIS. We recognize that, to be a school that continuously learns, we need all students, staff, and families to embrace our core values and actively participate in the daily life of our school and the education of our children. Your contribution is valued and encouraged!

Welcome and Thank You!

Please join me in welcoming all new staff, students and families to the Nantucket Intermediate School community.

We have several new staff members joining us this school year and we want to make sure you know their names. A warm welcome to these newest members of the NIS staff:

ELA Elementary Coordinator/Coach: Ms. Johnson

ESL Teacher: Mr. Foley

Guidance Counselor: TBA

Grade 4 Teacher: Ms. Tyler

Grade 4 Teaching Assistant: Miss Cowden

Grade 5 Teacher: Mrs. Gottlieb

Grade 5 Teacher: Miss O'Brien

Spanish Teacher: TBA

ESP - Admin. Assistant: TBA

Next, welcome to students and families new to the district! Our friendly staff and returning students will help you as you learn your way around our beautiful school. You are sure to quickly become a cherished member of the wonderful school culture that we promote.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs. Bedell - administrative assistant, Mr. Tormay - building supervisor, Mr. Mailloux, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Majano, and Ms. Melgar for all their hard work to prepare for the upcoming school year. Their contributions are so integral to ensuring a smooth school opening. A big shout out to Ms. O'Neil, facilities director, and the grounds crew for their hard work to maintain the lovely grounds and fields.

School Lunch and Snack

The Nantucket Public schools provides the opportunity to purchase milk & lunch. More information can be found here: <https://www.npsk.org/page/391>

Lunch: \$2.50
Reduced price lunch: \$.40

Children are encouraged to bring a nutritious **snack and drink** in daily for classroom snack time.



Student Absences

It is important for us to know if your child is going to be absent from school. Call 508-228-7290 X3535 by 7:50 AM to leave a message.



News from School

Nantucket Intermediate School news communications from the office will be posted to the website and distributed through email; not sent home in backpacks. **Please update your email address** with us so we may be assured of communications with you. **NEW! You can do this through the Aspen link on the NPS website & update other information via parent portal** <https://ma-npsk.myfollett.com/aspen/logo.n.do>

We are on Twitter & Facebook! Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/nantucketintermediateschool/> <https://twitter.com/NISLearners>

Arrival & Dismissal

Your child's safety is our primary concern. Your cooperation and support with the following procedures are greatly appreciated.

- Students may exit buses and cars at 7:35 AM when supervision is available and school doors open.
- Students are expected to be in classrooms ready to learn at 7:50 AM. **Please arrive by 7:45 AM.**
- Students arriving prior to 7:35 AM should register for a before school program as there is no other adult supervision provided at that time.
- Parents driving children to school should use the Backus Lane entrance and follow the drop off line around the side driveway loop. Please follow the directions of staff assisting your child's safe arrival.
- Bus Schedules are included in this packet and are published on the district website.
- **NIS third through fifth graders typically enter the school on their own. Parents must get a badge from office to walk child to class.**

Dismissal

- Dismissal will begin promptly at 2:20 PM.
- Drivers may not pull into the bus loop to pick-up their children.
- Parents who park in lots will walk to meet their children in the NIS front main entrance vestibule area.
- Students walking to parent pick-up cars will be grouped by grade level on the circular walkway loop between NES and NIS allowing drivers to pull right up. Siblings will stand together with the youngest sibling. You will access this loop via Backus Lane.
- Independent walkers and bike riders will dismiss out the NIS elevator door entrance. **Bike Riders: Helmets must be worn.**
- There will be crossing guards along Surfside Road that will be in place to secure the safety of our walkers and bike riders. **Children must cross with the crossing guards.**

Before/After School Programs

Nantucket Boys & Girls Club
<https://nantucketboysandgirlsclub.org/>

Nantucket Community School
<https://nantucketcommunityschool.org/>

Breakfast Buddies
Contact NIS to register

NIS School Handbook

The Intermediate School Family Handbook contains very important information regarding everything you need to know as part of the NIS community. It will be published on our website prior to the opening of school. After you read it, please contact the school office should you have any questions.

