

Dear Parents and Families of North Mianus School,

Greetings to all North Mianus Families! What an exciting time of year! As we approach the beginning of another exciting school year, we hope this message finds you well and enjoying your summer. We have been diligently preparing for the return of our beloved students and staff, while also extending a warm welcome to new members of the NMS community. We are eagerly looking forward to everyone's return to the school!

Our primary objective is to collaborate closely with our families and staff to ensure that every student enjoys a stimulating, safe, healthy, successful, and rigorous learning experience. We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential for the academic and personal growth of our students.

Should you have any questions or concerns at any point, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Mrs. Anders. We are here to support you and are committed to working together as partners in your child's education.

Please take some time to review the information included in this Smore, as it contains important details to help you and your child prepare for the upcoming school year.

On Thursday, August 29th, students NEW to NMS in grades 1-5 are welcome to visit and drop off any school supplies from 9:15-10:15 am. Again, this is ONLY for NEW students in grades 1-5 (NOT Kindergarten).

Also on Thursday, August 29, our Kindergarteners are welcome to visit from 11-11:30 am and drop off any school supplies!

The first day of school is Friday, August 30th. It is a full day. Arrival is between 8:30-8:45 am for **Grades 1- 5 9 (please see note for Kindergarteners below)** Classroom teachers will be on the playground blacktop to greet all of their students! They will each be holding a tall "flag" with their name.

Additionally, staff will be stationed at the designated parent drop-off and bus arrival areas to help ensure the students enter the building safely.

Please review the [BE SAFE Drop off and Pick Up Procedures](#) carefully.

KINDERGARTEN NOTE (!!): For Friday, 8/30 ONLY, Kindergarten arrival is at 9:30 am. (All other days arrival is 8:30 am). We plan a late arrival for day 1 so

we can meet our youngest students outside and walk into the building together with their families hand-in-hand!

Back to School Documents

Please be sure to review all back to school documents accessed via this [link](#)

Class lists

Class lists sent out today, Friday, August 16, 2024.

Class Placement

Given the significant complexity of this process, no changes will be made to class lists.

The Handbook

Please take time to read through the NMS Handbook on our Back to School webpage. The “Receipt of Handbook Form” is **required**. Please send it to school once signed.

Emergency Contact Information

Our home-school notification system known as **Blackboard/Parent Link** will continue to enable us to inform you of important events and emergencies through automated messaging. **Please inform the main office immediately of any changes to your personal contact information to ensure you receive these emails.**

Also, you should receive a Smore Newsletter each Friday. If you are NOT receiving these weekly Smore Newsletters, please let Kathleen know (kathleen_ramirez@greenwich.k12.ct.us).

Reporting Absences

Please enter your child’s absence into *School Dismissal Manager* or call the main office at 203-637-9730.

Please be on the lookout for an email allowing you to set up your School Dismissal Manager account.

School Lunch

Lunch Account information is on the Back to School webpage. Lunch this year remains \$4.15.

School Supplies

The 2024-2025 **School Supply List** can be found on the [NMS Website](#). Please make sure to send the supplies in with your child on the first day of school.

Welcome Emails!

GPS elementary schools are working hard to make parents partners in their child's education. To that end, again this year, teachers will be sending welcome emails. Our teachers want you to know who they are, and they want to know their students' family too. Your knowledge of your child will help their teacher know the student faster, and can be the beginning of 2-way sharing to support your child throughout the year.

Welcome NEW and Returning Staff (in new positions)!!!!

Alisa Lewis has moved from first grade to second! Mrs. Lewis will be in room # 125.

Liberty Capiello is moving from first grade to second! Mrs. Capiello will be in room # 128.

Elaina Chambrello is joining our team as the new Speech and Language Therapist! WELCOME, ELAINA!! Ms. Chambello will be in the speech room #102.

Jennifer Green is moving from second grade to third! Mrs. Green will be in room #122.

Liz Kitselman is moving from second grade to third! Mrs. Kitselman will be in room # 121.

Valerie Gregory is moving from third grade to fifth! Mrs. Gregory will be in room # 208.

Marcia Rutstein is moving from kindergarten to first grade! Mrs. Rutstein will remain in her room, # 116.

Renee Sheppard is also joining our team as the new part time Speech and Language Therapist! WELCOME, RENEE!!

Building Substitutes: TBD

Enjoy the last few days of summer vacation and we look forward to seeing your children soon!

We can't wait!

Kathleen and Abby