



PARENT NEWS

Important Dates:

- **First Day of Instruction**
September 7
- **Benchmark Week (K-8)**
September 13-17
- **Online NHS Shirt Orders Begin**
September 20-24
- **Parent Circle Meeting**
Jr. K—8th Grade Parents
Friday, October 8
(5:30—6:30)
- **Fall Pictures**
October (TBA)
- **Cherry Street Building Open House**
October (TBA)
- **Back to School Night (Jr.K-8)**
October 15
(6:30-8:00)
- **Fall Parade**
October 29
- **Fall Break / Parent Conferences (K-5)** Day care only
November 22 and 24
- **School Closed**
November 11, 25, 26
December 24, 31

Staff

Principal—Victor Dawson
 Assistant Principal / Kindergarten—
 Neetu Joshi
 Office Manager / Covid Liaison –
 Angela Eggleston
 Jr. K—Brenae Crockett
 1st grade—Taj Ali
 2nd Grade—Anne Tracey
 3rd/4th Grade—Julie Rice
 5th Grade—Santa Johnson / Rekha
 Raghavendran
 Middle School
 ELA / History—Jasica Gill
 Math / Science—James Mouat
 Art—Danae Digiacomio
 Spanish—Carmen Villa
 Online Instructor—Jessica Lim
 Web / Computers / Sign language—
 Calvin Johnson
 PE—Wesley Eggleston
 Food Services—Sharifa Basher
 Teacher’s Aide—Brenda Mercado

Dear NHS Families,

Welcome to the start of the 2021-22 school year. I am Victor Dawson your child’s principal. In my 24 years at NHS, I’ve never been more eager to start a school year than I am today. I look forward to cultivating our student’s personal and emotional growth and fostering an engaging school environment for all to learn.

To help me in what will be a full and busy year, I would like to introduce Neetu Joshi as our school’s assistant principal. Ms. Joshi will be working closely with teachers, students and parents to help fulfil our school goals. Please expect to see Ms. Joshi interacting and working with all children throughout the school.

I also look forward to speaking with all families this year. Please make an effort to contact me for questions or concerns.

Covid-19

Safety is our #1 priority. All staff will be assisting in the implementation of our safety protocols including sanitizing rooms and common areas, in class temperature checks, and safety routines for students.

Our campus Covid Liaison is Ms. Angela. She has been trained through ACPHD on our Covid procedures and case tracking. I know there are a lot of conflicting guidelines out there, so I’ll try to make it simple.

- 1) *All students and staff are required to wear mask.*
- 2) *If your child is symptomatic (cough, sore throat, fever, body aches, headache, et..) even if they tested negative, please don’t send them to school.*
- 3) *If your child was exposed (meaning someone at home has Covid or has spent a long period with someone with Covid) please quarantine for 7 days from the time of the exposure. You may return earlier, if you take a test and it’s negative and you receive confirmation from our school office before coming back. Please do not put our classes at risk if you have doubt. Please see the Covid-19 Quarantine Requirements on our website for further information. Email notifications will be provided for all parents if there is an exposure on our campus.*
- 4) *If a student or students are required to quarantine at home, they may ask a*

teacher for online access to the classroom using Zoom and Google Class.

Life Skills

The school will continue with several pillars of character for our learners. Help us reinforce these character traits at home with real life examples:

- Sept.—Taking A Risk
- Oct.—Quality Questions
- Nov.—Active Listening
- Dec.—Environment Management
- Jan.—Self Advocacy
- Feb.—Independence & Motivation
- March—Effective Communication
- April—Engaging & Seeking Interaction
- May—Self Regulation
- June—Empathy & Caring

Student Eagles Assembly

(1:40--2:30 p.m.)
 September 24
 October 22
 November 19
 December 17

Office Hours

An office administrator will be available from 8:30-5:30 p.m. in our main office. After 5:30 p.m., you will be able to leave a message on the school’s answering machine which will be checked until 6:30 p.m. Our school hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. All students must be picked up no later than 6:30 p.m. Late fees will apply if picking up after 6:30 p.m.

Drop off and Pick up

This year, we have adopted drop off and pick up times to assist with the flow of traffic. Staff will be present to assist during drop off times so that parents may flow in and out of our parking lots. To be clear, you are able to drop off and park at anytime between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. However, during drop off and pick up times, we recommend remaining in your vehicles to allow traffic to flow easily.

Medical Consent Form / Medications

All parents are asked to complete medical consent forms for their child. When you receive the form, please fill it out completely and return promptly to the school. NHS (by law) is allowed to give only medications prescribed by a doctor. Please enter the medication in the medicine book located in the office. Then, give the prescribed medication along with a **doctor’s note** to a staff member for proper authorization.