

WELCOME TO NCMS!



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As we busily prepare for another school year, we want to welcome all 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and their families to NCMS. We are excited about the prospects of working with our returning 8th graders, and although the 6th and 7th graders will be new to the building, we have heard some excellent reports on them from the elementary schools.

With all our past successes, we continue to raise the expectations for each school year to a higher level. This year will be no exception. We will be emphasizing that we want nothing less than your child's best effort.

We believe our single greatest task is to prepare every student, whether it is on the playing field, in

the practice room, or, most importantly, in the classroom and life.

We also want to increase the involvement of parents in all aspects of our school. This is a difficult transitional time for your child, and, with school and home working together, the child will reap the reward!

All middle school students are responsible for their devices 24/7. Because we know accidents happen, our school corporation is creating an opportunity to help defer costs for broken laptops. The cost for the Insurance Repair Plan is just \$10.00 for the school year. The form for insurance will be available at orientations, back-to-school night and anytime in the main office.

The faculty and staff hope you will profit from the time you and your child are with us. If you are ever in doubt concerning an issue, a phone call to school will receive our close attention.

The remainder of this newsletter will be used to cover issues related to the opening of school. Please take time to go over this information with your child so that we can all have a smoother beginning to the school year.

Mr. Jacob White
Principal

Mr. Stephen Sullivan
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Amanda Ruble
Dean of Students

Mr. Cameron Tucker
Athletic Director

Enjoy what is left of your summer — school begins Wednesday, August 3, 2022

STUDENT SCHOOL HOURS for 2022 - 2023 School Year:

8:25 AM - 3:25 PM

6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation

on Tuesday, July 26, 2022
12:30 P.M.

6th,7th & 8th Grade

Parent/Student Orientation

on Wednesday, July 27, 2022
12:30 P.M.

6th,7th & 8th Grade

Parent/Student Orientation

on Thursday, July 28, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Orientations this year will begin by obtaining a checklist. Once you have everything picked up/completed on the checklist you will then report to Pasman Gym for Orientation to begin.

Supply List—Students may want to purchase some basic supplies before the start of school. Please locate all 6th, 7th & 8th grade supply lists on the NCMS home page under the “Resources” tab. Teachers will notify students if other materials are required.

Book Bags & Sports Bags

Book bags/backpacks, “sling bags” and sports bags may not be carried to and from classes. Book bags/backpacks or sling bags must be stored in students’ lockers during the school day. Students need to secure their athletic equipment in their lockers.

Bus Routes

If you have questions regarding what bus your child should ride, please call the Transportation Department at 765-521-7235 for more info.

Call the school at 521-7230 if you have any questions.

Student Handbook / Calendar

Student Handbooks are available to anyone by going to the NCMS home page and looking under the “Resources” tab and click on “Handbook”. Students - schedule your life both in and out of the classroom. Never forget a test, assignment, or practice with e-mail and text reminders. Parents - stay up-to-date with school events and your student's calendar. The school calendar is also located on the NCMS home page under the “News and Event” tab.

Please watch for important documents that will be coming home with students on August 3rd. We are required to have these documents for all students this year. Thank you for your assistance!

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Trojan Quest— This year the Trojan Quest will be for **6th and 7th grade students** on Friday, July 29th. This program is designed to acquaint students with the layout of the new building and some of their classmates through a variety of games and activities. We have received many positive comments on this program, and we would encourage all students to take advantage of it. Snacks and prizes will be provided with this program.

Please attend on July 30th according to the following schedule:

Last Name: A-D 8:30—9:45 am

Last Name: E-J 10:00—11:15 am

Last Name: K-P 12:30—1:45 pm

Last Name: Q-Z 2:00—3:15 pm

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Policy —


If students are being dropped off or picked up individually, this may be done only at the entrance of the school (Door 17 C) using the main drive. Please DO NOT park or leave your car unattended on the front drive between 7:30-8:35 A.M. and 3:10-3:40 P.M. Use the north parking lot if you need to enter the building. We ask drivers to pull as far forward as possible to unload. Students are discouraged from entering the building prior to 7:30 A.M. unless a supervised activity is in progress. Any student entering the building before 8:20 A.M. will report directly to the cafeteria/auxiliary gym


Lunch Prices—Breakfast and lunch are both free to all students. A la carte items will have to be purchased if student wishes to have any of these optional items. Students will have a 4 minute passing period between each class and a 30 minute lunch period. Fast food will not be delivered individually to students at lunch time.

School Fees—Fees will not be finalized until the end of August. Statements will be mailed out early in September. Parents are welcome and encouraged to deposit money on students' lunch accounts during registration days. Please write your child's name in the memo section of the check!

Cell Phones/IPODS/MP3's/Smart Watches—Students MAY carry electronic devices on their person during the school day. These items must be turned off at all times! The school is not responsible for lost/stolen items if left in lockers. These devices can be checked into the Main Office—see Mrs. Sizemore, directly inside Door 17C, at her desk.

APPEARANCE— *Please review and follow the Appearance Guide. This has been School Board approved and updated as of 7/11/2022.*

School Pictures—School pictures for all students will be taken on Thursday, August 25th beginning at 8:30 A.M. These pictures will be used for the yearbook and for student I.D.'s. 

Yearbooks on Sale—The New Castle Middle School Yearbook, the Review, will be on sale for \$25 upon the start of the school year. The cost of the yearbook will go up substantially after Fall Break. Yearbooks can be purchased online this year at www.jostensyearbooks.com 

P.T.O. —The NCMS P.T.O. has been very active and beneficial to the school over the past several years. We would encourage any and all parents/guardians to become involved in this group at some level. Parents may become members of this group at any time. Please contact the main office. Dues are \$5.00 per family, and you can be as actively involved as you want. Parents can also sign up to be a part of the P.T.O. Executive Committee which meets on the following dates in the middle school community room:

Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Thursday, November 10, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Thursday, December 1, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Thursday April 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm

****BUILDING SECURITY!!** - We at NCMS, take every measure to keep your child safe while they are in our care. The main entrance of the school is activated by a buzzer for entry at Door 17C. If you come to school, please press the button on the wall to the right of the door. Once you are acknowledged, speak loud and clear facing the intercom giving us your name and reason you need to enter the school. Once you have entered the building, please report to the front desk. If you are planning on having to be elsewhere in our building (upon prior approval), you will need to produce a valid driver's license that we are now required to run through a Raptor security scanner that instantly provides a background check and prints a badge for our building's visitors.

****BACKGROUND CHECKS** - Also, parent volunteers (chaperones, classroom helpers, etc.) MUST have a limited background check on file in order to work with our children. Parent volunteers are GREATLY needed in our schools. Please complete a "Request for Limited Adult Criminal History Information" form and drop off at the main office. You only need to fill in the areas marked by an "X". **We are required to complete a NEW background check on any volunteer EACH year.** If you have children in other New Castle school buildings, only one background check is necessary per parent/guardian/helper for the entire corporation.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in keeping your children safe in our school!

1:1 Computers - All students will receive (or should already have) a laptop to use in their classes at NCMS. Students who do not change classrooms, will be able to use the same device but it will stay in the classroom.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR LAPTOPS, NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE AND GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION
(This form will need to be filled out and signed every school year.) This document explains expectations and use of the school's device. This document also explains about using the internet/network through New Castle Community Schools. This document also goes over the Google Apps for Education guidelines for the students. This will allow students to complete the on-line coursework as well as working in groups by not even being in the same room!

****NCMS Community Service****

All students are encouraged to complete two (2) hours of community service each year. We believe it is very important for students to learn about "giving back" to our community. Two hours is very simple to complete. Ideas such as:

- Volunteer at animal shelter
- Campus clean-up
- Cards for nursing homes
- Be a volunteer at elementary fairs
- Donate food, pencils, animal food, papers
- Participate in any community walks, runs, bowls

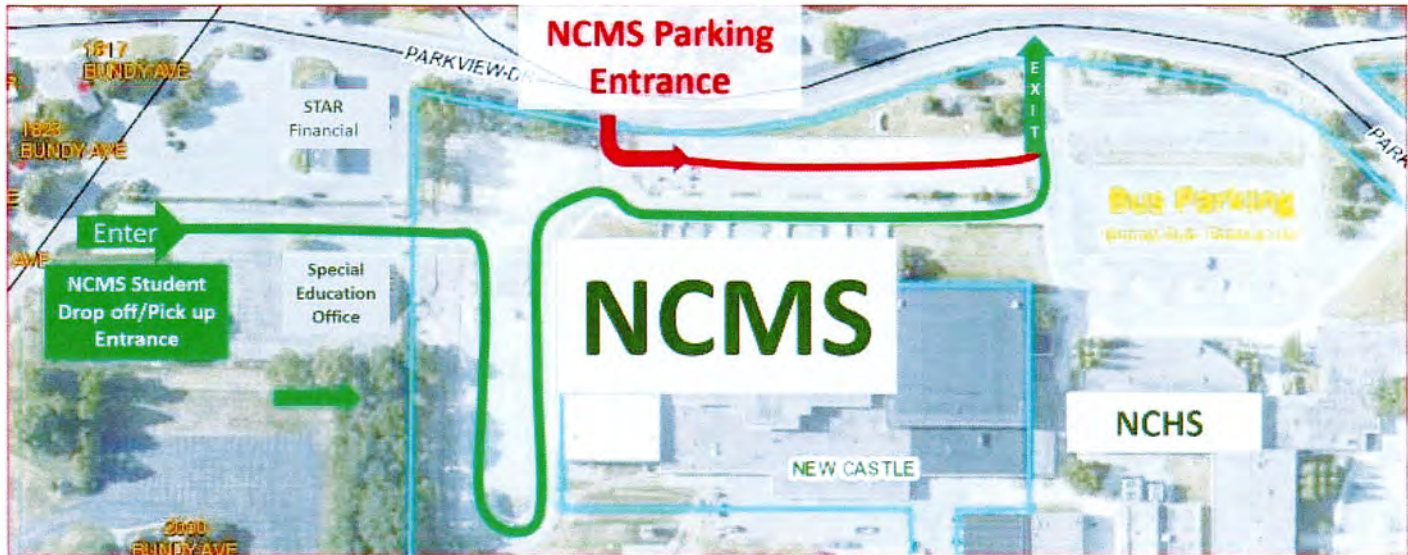
are all worthy examples of service. Please check with administrators or counselors with questions. Only things you need to provide are a creative brain, willing hands and an open heart!

****Miscellaneous Info**** -

SUBSTITUTE CAFETERIA WORKERS—We are in need of substitutes for our cafeteria staff. If you are interested please apply at the New Castle Food Service Department, Dee Orick, Director; 521-7240.



NCMS Traffic flow patterns



NCMS Traffic Changes

NCMS parking and traffic flow changes will take effect on Monday 7/25.

- All traffic will flow eastbound(From NCMS Pool to Bundy Auditorium).
- Enter the **NCMS Parking entrance** from Parkview Dr at the west entrance near the pool.
- Enter the **NCMS Student Drop off/Pick up lane** from Bundy Avenue, via New Castle Special Education offices, around the athletic parking lot, and move east towards Bundy Auditorium.
 - **Orange cones** will divide a curbside lane and passing lane.
- **NCMS Parking** and **NCMS Student Drop off/Pick up lane** will merge and exit in the same location.

