



JOHN T. NICHOLS, JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Nichols Middle School Families,

We are excited for the 2022-2023 school year to begin. I know students are anxiously waiting to know who their teacher and team will be starting in September. We are hoping to post homeroom and team assignments in a week or two. Once posted, you will receive an email and you will be able to locate this information in Aspen.

Currently, we are making minor changes and creating student schedules. All of this information will be available in Aspen. Please note, that the homeroom and extension block will be with the same students. However, students will be mixed with other students on their team for their subject area classes. Students will not travel with the same group of students all day like they did last year. Our school runs on a 6-day rotating schedule with letter days, A through F. Our 6th grade is divided into two teams, which consists of B and C clusters. Our 7th and 8th-grade teams have three teams, consisting of A, B and C clusters. This year, students' classes will be one English Language Arts class, a Math, a Science, a Social Studies class, and several Unified Arts Classes. The Unified Arts classes consist of year-long classes in Physical Education, and students will also have Art, Basic Economics, Health, Music, Library-Media, and Creative Writing.

The **first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 31, 2022**. Our school hours are **7:35 AM to 2:25 PM**. The instructional day begins at 7:55 AM and any students entering school after this time will need to check into the office and sign in with our secretary, Mrs. Cavanaugh. Once again, students will receive free lunch and free breakfast this year, but if a student wants a snack or water the cost is \$0.50 to \$1.00. Any student who would like a second lunch can purchase one for \$2.75.



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As far as supplies, once your child is assigned to a team, the teachers on that team will let your child know what is needed. To begin the year, students need pencils, pens, highlighters, a couple of folders and notebooks. If you can purchase your child a Chromebook case, that would be helpful. The Chromebook measurements are 11.5" x 8.0." Please note that students will not be allowed to bring in their own device as we have purchased enough devices for each student to have their own school-issued Chromebook. Chromebooks will be passed out to each student once the Chromebook Device Agreement Form has been signed and returned.

Also, students will be allowed to carry a string bag around with them, but not into the bathrooms. Their large backpack will be housed in their locker. Students will be provided a lock from the school for their assigned locker. Please know students are to keep their phones off and out of view while in school or the phone will be held by the teacher and/or kept in the main office for the remainder of the day. Please note that students will not be allowed to wear hoods or hats in school, only permission given based on individual and/or medical needs.

On Monday, August 29th, we will host an Open House for new NMS families and our incoming 6th graders. Our 6th-grade teachers will be in attendance. Please see the schedule below as to what time you are invited to attend. Families will attend at different times based on their child's surname (Example: Jane Smith-attend based on last name-Smith). During this time, Nichols Middle School families will hear from our school administrative team, learn about our school and participate in a building tour. Our 7th-grade and 8th-grade Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 5:00-7:00 PM.



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**Grade 6 and New Student Open House Schedule**

Group of Students	Location	Times	Entrance
<b>Surnames A-K</b>	Auditorium School Presentation by Administrative Team	5:00-5:45 PM	Gymnasium
	Walkthrough to 6th Grade and visit the cafeteria	5:45-6:30 PM	
<b>Surnames L-Z</b>	6th Grade Floor, 3rd Floor *Visit Classrooms & walk to see the cafe	5:00-5:45 PM	Main Office Doors
	Auditorium School Presentation by Administrative Team	5:45-6:30 PM	

Any student requiring medication during the school day, may bring their orders and medication during the grade 6 open house and also on Tuesday, August 30th from 8:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00PM. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bertram, School Nurse. Mrs. Bertram will be available during the grade 6 Open House as well. The school nursing forms needed can be found by using the following link: [Medical Forms for Middleborough Public Schools](#).

If your student will be a parent drop off or parent pick-up everyday or most of the time, please complete this Google Form. [Parent Drop off/Pick up Form](#).

If your student would like to participate in Band, Orchestra or Chorus this school year, please complete the Google Form by clicking on this link. [Band, Orchestra and/or Chorus Form](#)



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2. Mrs. Karen Bertram, School Nurse 508-946-2020, ext. 3610
  - a. [kbertram@middleboro.k12.ma.us](mailto:kbertram@middleboro.k12.ma.us)
3. Nichols Middle School's Administrative Team
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4. Katie Goodine, Student Information Specialist
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5. Mr. Brent Cadieux, Transportation Manager for Student Transportation of America
  - a. 508-657-2205, ext. 61
6. MaryJane Driscoll, Transportation Supervisor (mini-buses and minivans)
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7. \*Please join our *Facebook page (@NMSTigers)* and *Twitter account @JTNicholsMS*.

Sincerely,

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