

Norwood-Norfolk Central School District Board of Education Update



August 18, 2017

THIS IS NORWOOD-NORFOLK

We are so fortunate to be enrolling many transfer students to begin this new school year. We know they'll be welcomed by our students and find a home as a Flyer. To help our new students and their families assimilate, here's some information & videos which show our Flyer spirit.

[Kindness Challenge](#) at NN Middle School – teachers tell students that they are the reason they come to work every day.

Our Elementary students celebrate Kindness Week. To the right you see one of our younger students holding a very important sign.



Our High School has embedded the [Senior Walk](#) as a new tradition. It allows our younger students to see our graduates dressed in their commencement robes and think, “Someday I’ll be able to wear those robes.” It also affirms all the hard-work of these seniors. Our teachers love seeing their former students walk in the Senior Walk.

Here are a few items of interest regarding our 2017 graduates:

- 59.32% are graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma or Higher.
- 35.59% are graduating with a Regents Diploma.
- 94.91% are graduating with a Regents Diploma or Higher.
- 20.34% are attending a 2-year College
- 54.24% are attending a 4-year College or University
- 3.39% are entering into a branch of the military

Many other noteworthy accomplishments can be found [HERE](#), which further shows the wonderful school that is Norwood-Norfolk. We're proud of our students, school, & community.

ORIENTATIONS & VISITATIONS

We offer three different orientations for our students. Fifth Grade Orientation will be on August 22nd at 6:00 and Seventh Grade Orientation will be on August 23rd at 5:30; both in the elementary cafeteria. Our Ninth Grade Orientation will be on August 31st at 6:00 in the auditorium. Our Pre-K Visitations will be as follows:

Mrs. Morris Full Day Class – August 23rd from 12:00-1:00
Mrs. Purvis Morning Class – August 23rd from 1:00-2:00
Mrs. Purvis Afternoon Class – August 23rd from 2:00-3:00

Our Kindergarten Visitation will be from 2:00-3:00 on August 31st.

First Grade will host a “Meet the Teacher” on August 31st from 4:00-5:00.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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NEW OPTION FOR PAYING TAXES

For the 2017-2018 school tax collection season, taxpayers will now be able to make their school tax payment online. There is a fee to the homeowner for using this service. The fee is NOT for the school but is assessed by the company collecting the taxes. It is their fee, not ours.

Payment options include Visa, Mastercard or Discover credit or debit. The requirements and fees are:

- Minimum of \$2 payment
- Fee of 3% of tax bill or amount paid + \$.50 if using MC/VISA/DISCOVER
- No AMEX accepted
- Payment online has to be made in full - installment payments are not an option
- The fees collected go directly to The Satellite.biz bank account; the District does not receive any of the fees collected.

The URL to make online tax payments is: <http://taxlookup.net/search.aspx?jurisdiction=norwoodcsd>. This link is not active, yet, but will be up and running in late August. All service or technology issues are handled with the provider, The Satellite.biz. The District Office is not responsible for handling inquiries for support.

Taxpayers can still pay their taxes at the Norfolk Town Offices at the designated hours.

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The People Project in collaboration with the American Federation of Teachers, NYSUT and BOCES invite teachers, administrators, and community members to attend the St. Lawrence County Community Schools Summit on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 8:30AM – 4:00PM at the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Educational Services Center in Canton.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn about the basics of the Community Schools strategy, including the role of poverty teaching and learning, the role of the Union, research, and what it means to “partner”.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by September 8th via this link: <https://leadernet.aft.org/webform/2017-st-lawrence-county-ny-community-schools-summit>

Who should attend?

- Administrators
- Teachers & other school staff
- Community School Coordinators
- Parents
- Community Partners

Contact Erin Covell, slcpeopleproject@gmail.com, (315) 250-8776, with any questions.

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FLYER ATHLETICS

Fall sports for our interscholastic athletes (grades 7-12) are underway. Varsity and JV programs began practicing this past week and modified will begin this week. Click [HERE](#) for up-to-the-minute game and practice schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDS TRAINING

This summer our regional superintendents once again gathered for high-leverage professional development, organized by SLL BOCES. We met for an extended period of time with NYS Regent Bev Ouderkirk as well as NYS Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner Jhone Ebert. It's rare to have face-to-face time with one of the top educators in the state, so our time with Dr. Ebert was exceptional. We also received a legal update from the Ferrara Fiorenza law firm including presentations from Susan T. Johns, Esq. and Heather M. Cole, Esq. There was also an extended time scheduled with the NYS Council of School Superintendents Executive Director Chuck Dedrick and his personnel expert Jacinda Conboy, Esq. We also carved time out for a regional superintendents meeting to begin organizing for the coming school year.

DRIVE FOR 25 FARM TO SCHOOL

Once again NNCS will participate with this Farm to School program. Last spring, all salads were produced here on our campus and we plan to offer this again. Thanks to Assemblywoman Addie Jenne's efforts to champion this project, we're excited for renewed funding. This entire program will work with 19 school districts serving approximately 3,532,248 meals.

There is \$209,034.90 of funds designated directly for schools. Attached to this email is a flyer describing this program.

CAPITAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Included with this email is a newsletter produced by our Construction Management team, *Watchdog*.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/22	5 th Grade Orientation
8/23	New Staff Orientation
	7 th Grade Orientation
8/31	Staff Development Day
	9 th Grade Orientation
9/1	Staff Development Day
9/4	Labor Day
9/5	First Day of School!
9/11	President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
9/14	District Improvement Group
9/19	Board of Education Meeting

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