

Norwood-Norfolk Central School District Board of Education Update



August 25, 2017

NEW FLYERS WELCOMED AT NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION

This past week we greeted some new faculty members during our New Teacher Orientation. We're excited to welcome these professionals to our Flyer family.



Front Row: Mr. Gino Bisceglia - BOCES .5 PE, Mrs. Dorinda Hardy - 7-12 Librarian LTS, Ms. Margaret Sullivan – ELA, Mrs. Danielle Grant - Gr. 6

Back Row: Mr. George Biffer - Elem. Music, Ms. Christine Reichhart - BOCES .5 Psychologist, Mrs. Kimberly Trombly - Gr. 5, Ms. Elizabeth LaBarge - BOCES .5 Math, Mr. Brian Carl - Science LTS

Missing: Mrs. Rebecca Hannon - K-6 Nurse

SETTING GOOD HABITS – SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that chronic absence in 9th grade is a better predictor than 8th grade test scores that a student may drop out of high school, and students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read proficiently by the time they finish third grade than students who are not chronically absent?

Find parent resources [HERE](#) to support you getting your children to school every day from Every Student Present.

GETTING READY

[Charlie Cotey gets a bus ready](#) for the road. We take great pride in our bus fleet. Our drivers are highly trained and safety is their main priority. Remember to watch out for buses on the road beginning in September. Never pass a school bus when their red flashers are on.

THE FLYER

The end-of-summer edition of our District Newsletter is available on our website or by clicking [HERE](#). We will also attempt to place copies of this newsletter in local establishments. If you'd be willing to have a few copies available in your local business, then please reach out to us.

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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.

VISITATIONS

We have two more opportunities for parents to visit us before school officially begins. Our Kindergarten Visitation will be from 2:00-2:30 on August 31st and first Grade will host a “Meet the Teacher” on August 31st from 4:00-5:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

We welcome visits from all as we begin to get closer to September 5th. Please be aware that our Capital Project is tying up many different parts of our project. Some hallways still need to be completely cleaned, but you can guarantee that they will sparkle on the first day of school.

FLYER ATHLETICS

Fall sports for our interscholastic athletes (grades 7-12) are underway. Click [HERE](#) for up-to-the-minute game and practice schedule.

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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 inquires for support.

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

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.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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