

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back

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FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

BUILDING INFORMATION

Utica Elementary

- 9:08 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Walkers and car pickup dismissed at 3:20 p.m.*
- Student drop-off at 8:50 a.m. Parents are urged to use the Utica United Methodist Church parking lot for drop-off and pickup.
- **OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION** will be held virtually with classroom teachers or by appointment.

Newton Elementary

- 9:08 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Walkers and car pickup dismissed at 3:20 p.m.*
- Student drop-off at 8:50 a.m.
- **OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION** will be held virtually with classroom teachers or by appointment.

Utica Middle School

- 7:30 a.m. - 2:26 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry 7:27 a.m. Warning Bell)*
- **Schedules** will be mailed home the week of August 3.
- Virtual **OPEN HOUSE** will be posted on the school website the week of August 10.
- All important paperwork that needs to be signed will be sent home on the first day of school with the students.
- **School pictures** are scheduled for August 26.

Utica High School

- 7:30 a.m. - 2:26 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry - Go directly to first period class.)*
- **ALL** paperwork **must** be completed before iPad is issued.
- iPads will be issued the first week of school in first period class.

Breakfast is FREE for ALL students!

Newton Elementary

740-745-5982

Michele Gorius, Principal
Stacey Hale, Secretary

Utica Elementary

740-892-2551

Brett Ballinger, Principal
Tracy Poole, Secretary

Utica Middle School

740-892-2691

Shawn Wilhelm, Principal
Sandy Bennett, Secretary

Utica High School

740-892-2855

Mark Bowman, Principal
Brian Radabaugh,
Asst. Princ./A.D.
Gwen Crain, Secretary
Ashley Reynolds, Secretary
Missie Woodard, Secretary

District Services

Food Service/Transportation
Mike Maxwell
740-892-2006

Curriculum

Stephanie Kimpel
740-892-3237

Special Education

Jayne Blackstone
740-892-2106

District School Nurse

Jennifer Wygle
740-403-6502

Maintenance Supervisor

Adam Reynolds
740-892-3416

EMIS Coordinator

Peg Carpenter
740-892-2014

2020 Superintendent's Message

I want to start this year's message with a great big **THANK YOU**. With all of the changes we were forced to endure throughout the last quarter of the 2019-20 school year, the support our students, staff, parents, and community gave us was amazing. I can safely say we have never been in a situation like what we went through, and I really hope we do not have to go through the situation again.

As the start of the 2020-21 school year is coming upon us, we are still wondering whether we will be seeing all of our students back in the buildings, or some other sort of hybrid or remote learning. Our goal is to provide healthy, safe, face-to-face instruction for our students in August. Regardless, the beginning of school always brings a variety of emotions — excitement, anticipation, and yes, a little bit of nerves for students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators alike.

We have been working to ensure we meet all of the guidelines provided to us from the State and Licking County Health Departments to provide the safest entry into the new year. We have enhanced many areas of our programming, from technology to curriculum, to aide all students to be successful in their academics. The changes we made will benefit all students and staff no matter what avenue of instruction we will be giving.

With the many tasks and challenges that face our administrators, teachers, parents, and students every day, we believe the best way to continually improve is to focus our initiatives. For this school year, we have directed our energies on ensuring a safe, healthy environment and programs to enhance blended learning (the use of technology and classroom). Those initiatives include providing iPads to seventh and eighth-grade students to become one-to-one; enhancing the use of technology programs such as Progress Book and Newsela to give a single program for learning.

What this school year will look like is yet to be seen, but keep in mind that the start of a new year is always full of introductions, and reconnections with old friends — all while learning to navigate new class schedules, new teachers, different ways of learning, and in some cases, new schools. Our staff of professional educators and support personnel are committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

We look forward to educating the children of the North Fork Local School District and thank you sincerely for all of the support and positive comments you have given us throughout the years. I encourage everyone to set new goals, think big, and embrace new connections and experiences.

Enjoy these last days of summer, and best wishes for a positive, productive, and rewarding school year.

Scott Hartley

Scott Hartley MA, Ed.
Superintendent

STUDENT CALENDAR 2020-2021

Aug. 19	First Day for Students	Jan. 14	End of 2nd Grading Period
Aug. 24	No School - Staff PD	Jan. 15	No School - Records Day
Sept. 04	No School - Staff PD	Jan. 18	Holiday/No School
Sept. 07	Holiday/No School	Jan. 19	No School - Staff PD
Oct. 21	End of 1st Grading Period	Feb. TBA	Evening Conferences
Oct. 22	No School Staff PD	Feb. 12 & 15	No School
Oct. 23	No School - Records Day	Feb. 16	No School - Staff PD
Nov. TBA	Evening Conferences	Mar. 17	Last Day Before Spring Break
Nov. 03	No School - Staff PD		End of 3rd Grading Period
Nov. 06	No School	Mar. 18	No School - Staff PD
Nov. 25 -27	Holiday/No School	Mar. 19	No School - Records Day
Dec. 09	No School - Staff PD	Mar. 29	Return from Spring Break
Dec. 18	Last Day Before Winter Break	Apr. 02	Holiday/No School
Jan. 04	Return from Winter Break	May 23	Senior Class Graduation

Safe School Hotline

1-800-418-6423

North Fork Board of Education 2020 Meeting Schedule

August 17, 2020	Utica Senior High School	6:00 p.m.
September 21, 2020	Newton Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
October 19, 2020	Utica Middle School	6:00 p.m.
November 16, 2020	Utica Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
December 14, 2020	Newton Elementary School	6:00 p.m.

Farrah Cooperider, President
Bernard Snow, Vice President
Barbara Bruce, Member
Andy Hollenback, Member
Debra Paxton, Member

Transportation News

If your child will be riding a bus this year, you will be contacted by the bus driver before the first day of school. Please continue to check the North Fork website for updates at <http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us/Transportation.aspx>.

All students riding a bus MUST wear a mask.



If you have any questions, please contact:



Coordinator of District Services
Mike Maxwell
740-892-2006



North Fork Bus Garage - 740-892-2871

~FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION~

LUNCH MENUS will be available on the North Fork website and in the school offices.

FREE /REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS are available online at lunchapp.com, or in the offices.

BREAKFAST is FREE for all students! Students are encouraged to eat breakfast.

LUNCH PRICES

Elementary Schools	\$2.50/Reduced \$.40
Middle School Sr. High	\$3.00/Reduced \$.40



Please follow the **ezpay** link on the homepage of our website, www.northfork.k12.oh.us, to pay:

- school fees
- pay-to-participate fees
- activity fees
- add money to your child's lunch account

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOLS TITLE I PROGRAM

Mission Statement: Our mission is to help every student achieve a year's worth of reading growth by collaborating with classroom teachers and parents.

What is Title I? Title I is a federally funded program designed to give extra help to students who are at risk for meeting the state and national standards in the areas of reading and language arts. Funding for the program is determined by the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunches in each elementary building as well as information collected from the United States Census Bureau. Students do not have to qualify for free or reduced lunch to be included in the Title I Program.

How do we select students? All students from Utica and Newton Elementary schools are eligible for service because of our "Schoolwide" status. Title I teachers work with students either during reading time, intervention time, or writing time. Students are not pulled out for Title I groups during their art, music, or physical education classes.

How do we serve students? Students receive instruction in small groups based on their specific needs to help them become better readers and writers. These groups tend to change throughout the school year as students progress at their own pace.

Who teaches Title I? At North Fork Local, we have six highly-qualified teachers. Newton Elementary teachers: Mrs. Julie Baker, Mrs. Kimberly Coad, and Mrs. Shanna Justice. Utica Elementary teachers: Mrs. Cara Morrison, Miss Karen Shomaker, and Ms. Susan Wallace.

How do we involve parents? At North Fork Local Schools, we welcome parent involvement in our Title I programs. If you would like to contribute to the development of our annual parent involvement policy, please contact **Michele Gorius, Newton Elementary Principal**, at 740-745-5982, or **Brett Ballinger, Utica Elementary Principal**, at 740-892-2551.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Each year, all school districts in the state conduct an intensive awareness campaign in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act. At this time we are trying to identify children with disabilities who live within the boundaries of our school district, birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education services.

Students who have disabilities may have one of the following conditions: autism, deafness, blindness, hearing impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, serious emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment.

Your public school offers evaluation for all children with suspected disabilities, birth through age twenty-one, and education for all children with disabilities, ages three through twenty-one. If you know a child who is suspected of having a disability, please contact your local school building and someone from the district will contact the parent and attempt to inform them of their rights.

Questions? Please contact Jayme Blackstone at 740-892-2106 or jlblackstone@northfork.k12.oh.us

Once again we will be using the One Call Now messaging system for parent notification of school delays, cancellations and other information. From the North Fork homepage just follow the link under the parents tab to update your information.

CLOSE?? DELAY?? What should we do?

When bad weather affects the area, we make the decision to open/close schools, or modify the school day schedule based upon a careful analysis of all relevant factors. *Some* of these factors are:

- * Information on road conditions from transportation staff and local law enforcement. Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous roads in the district; they can be treacherous, even if your street looks clear.
- * Amount of accumulated snow and/or ice
- * Is precipitation expected to continue throughout the day?
- * Temperature and wind chill
- * Building conditions such as whether there is electricity and heat
- * What other districts are doing



Reminder

Immunization Requirements

The State of Ohio changed the immunization requirements for **7th** and **12th** grade students effective a few years ago. Please contact your child's pediatrician or your local health department as soon as possible, as proof of these immunizations is required for school attendance, and an updated immunization record needs to be on file with the school nurse. To request a waiver, please contact the building secretary or school nurse, Jennifer Wygle.

jwygle@northfork.k12.oh.us

7th grade: Tdap vaccine (to protect from Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) and Meningococcal vaccine (to protect from Meningitis)

12th grade: Meningococcal vaccine (to protect from Meningitis)

If student received a Meningitis vaccine before the age of 16 years, a second dose is required for school attendance in 12th grade. If student received the first dose of Meningitis vaccine at the age of 16 years or older, only one dose is required for school attendance in 12th grade.

Please forward any updated immunization records to **school nurse, Jennifer Wygle, RN BSN, within 15 days after the start of school.**

Utica High School/Middle School 2020 Fall Sports Schedule

Varsity Football

28-Aug Centerville	H	7PM
4-Sep East Knox	A	7PM
11-Sep Fredericktown	A	7PM
18-Sep KIPP Columbus	H	7PM
25-Sep Watkins Memorial	H	7PM
2-Oct Newark Catholic	A	7PM
9-Oct Heath HS	A	7PM
16-Oct Johnstown-Monroe	H	7PM
23-Oct Northridge	H	7PM
30-Oct Lakewood	A	7PM

Football 8th Grade

25-Aug Granville	H	6:30 PM
1-Sep Licking Valley	H	6:30 PM
8-Sep Watkins Memorial	H	6:30 PM
14-Sep Newark Catholic	A	6:30 PM
22-Sep Heath	A	6:30 PM
29-Sep Johnstown-Monroe	H	6:30 PM
6-Oct Northridge	H	6:30 PM
13-Oct Lakewood	A	6:30 PM

Football 7th Grade

25-Aug Granville	H	5:00 PM
1-Sep Licking Valley	H	5:00 PM
8-Sep Watkins	H	5:00 PM
14-Sep Newark Catholic	A	5:00 PM
22-Sep Heath	A	5:00 PM
29-Sep Johnstown-Monroe	H	5:00 PM
6-Oct Northridge	H	5:00 PM
13-Oct Lakewood	A	5:00 PM

J/V Football

29-Aug Centerville	A	10AM
5-Sep East Knox	H	10AM
12-Sep River View	A	10AM
19-Sep Lakewood	H	10AM
26-Sep Watkins	A	10AM
5-Oct Newark Catholic	H	5PM
10-Oct Heath HS	H	10AM
17-Oct Johnstown-Monroe	A	10AM
24-Oct Northridge	A	10AM

Cross Country

24-Aug Licking Valley Invitational	A	4:30 PM
29-Aug Run the Du 2020 @ Bryn Du Mansion	A	9:00 AM
5-Sep Newcomerstown Invitational	A	9:15 AM
19-Sep Newark Invitational	A	9:00 AM
26-Sep Bill Brown Meet	A	9:00 AM
29-Sep Fredericktown	A	4:30 PM
3-Oct 17th Annual Panther Invitational	A	9:00 AM
7-Oct Backwoods Meet	A	5:30 PM
10-Oct Harrier Showdown	A	9:00 AM

J/V Volleyball

22-Aug Fredericktown	H	9:00/10:00/11:15am
27-Aug Northridge	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
29-Aug Tornado Invitational	A	10:00 AM
1-Sep Newark Catholic HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:30pm
3-Sep Zanesville HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
8-Sep Lakewood HS	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
10-Sep Heath HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
14-Sep Danville HS	H	no 9th/6:00/7:00pm
15-Sep Watkins Memorial	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
17-Sep Johnstown-Monroe	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
21-Sep Newark HS	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
22-Sep Northridge	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
28-Sep Newark Catholic HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
1-Oct Lakewood HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
6-Oct Centerville HS	A	4:30/5:30/6:30pm
6-Oct Licking Heights	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
8-Oct Heath HS	A	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
13-Oct Johnstown-Monroe	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm
15-Oct Granville HS	H	4:45/5:30/7:00pm

MS Volleyball

24-Aug Heath	H	5:00/6:15pm
26-Aug Granville	A	5:00/6:15pm
29-Aug Lakewood	H	9:00/10:15am
31-Aug Johnstown-Monroe	A	5:00/6:15pm
2-Sep Licking Valley	H	5:00/6:15pm
5-Sep Licking Heights	A	9:00/10:15am
8-Sep Northridge	H	5:00/6:15pm
10-Sep Newark Catholic	A	5:00/6:15pm
12-Sep Watkins	H	9:00/10:15am
16-Sep Zanesville	H	5:00/6:15pm
19-Sep Heath	A	9:00/10:15am
21-Sep Granville	H	5:00/6:15pm
23-Sep Lakewood	A	5:00/6:15pm
26-Sep Johnstown-Monroe	H	9:00/10:15am
28-Sep Licking Valley	H	5:00/6:15pm
30-Sep Licking Heights	H	5:00/6:15pm
3-Oct Northridge	A	9:00/10:15am
5-Oct Newark Catholic	H	5:00/6:15pm
7-Oct Watkins	A	5:00/6:15pm
12-Oct Zanesville	A	5:00/6:15pm

Boys Golf

5-Aug Boys LCL 1	A	Clover Valley Golf Club	9AM
11-Aug Heath HS	H	The Links @ Echo Springs	8:30AM
12-Aug MV/LCL Challenge	A	Eaglessticks Golf Course	8:30AM
13-Aug Licking Valley Invitational	A	Virtues Golf Club	8AM
17-Aug Boys LCL 2	A	Newark Catholic HS	9AM
22-Aug Northridge Viking Invit.	A	Clover Valley Golf Club	1PM
5-Sep Bob Darwin Memorial	A	Westchester Golf Course	4:30PM
15-Sep Boys LCL 3	A	Cumberland Trail	12PM
22-Sep Boys LCL 4	A	Denison Golf Club @Granville	12PM

Girls Golf

5-Aug LCL 1 @ St. Albans	A	9:00 AM
12-Aug LCL 2 @ Echo Springs	A	9:00 AM
15-Sep LCL 3 @ Denison	A	12:00 PM
23-Sep LCL 4 @ Cumberland Trail	A	12:00 PM

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* This schedule is subject to change. *