

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER



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**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

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***** FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 *****

BUILDING INFORMATION

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
Brittany McVey, Dean of
Students
Sandy Bennett, Secretary

Utica High School

740-892-2855

Mark Bowman, Principal
Lisa Ritzer, Asst. Principal
Brian Radabaugh, A.D.
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/Enrollment

Peg Carpenter
740-892-2014

Utica Elementary

- 9:08 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Walkers and car pick up are 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 pick up.*
- Kindergarten Orientation - August 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
- Open House - August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Utica Middle School

- 7:30 a.m. - 2:18 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry 7:27 a.m. Warning Bell)*
- Sixth Grade Orientation - August 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m., UMS cafeteria
- Open House and Schedule Pick-Up - August 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- School pictures - August 25, 2021 Retakes - October 8, 2021

Utica High School

- 7:30 a.m. - 2:18 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry - Go directly to first period class.)*
- Freshman Orientation - August 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m. UHS cafeteria
- Schedule Pick-Up - August 6, 2021, and August 13, 2021, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Schedules will be available in ProgressBook beginning August 6, also.)

BREAKFAST and LUNCH are FREE for ALL students!

2021 Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe the start of the 2021-2022 school year is just right around the corner! We are eager to welcome you back to school and encourage you to help us make the school year a successful time for our students.

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. The start of a new school year is always full of introductions, and reconnections with old friends — all while learning to navigate new class schedules, new teachers, and in some cases new schools. Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel are committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

The excitement of the 2021-22 school year is just beginning. We are focused to start the school year normally. With that in mind, students will no longer be required to wear masks. We have continued the process of ensuring a safe environment through the enhanced cleaning process we started last year.

With curriculum, we have been working to enhance many areas of our programming to aid all students to be successful in their academics. We have added reading tutors and math support for the elementary schools, brought in a dean of students for the middle school, and are continuing the positive behavior support program at the high school. Those changes begin with everyone looking toward our vision to provide and inspire achievement and accountability that maximizes quality learning to focus our energies on improvement.

With the many tasks and challenges that face administrators, teachers, parents, and students every day, we believe the best way to continually improve is to focus our initiatives. By directing our energies on programs that can make substantial change, we will provide our community of learners with an opportunity for life-long success. Those initiatives include programs for The Leader in Me, Next Generation Learning, Lucy Calkins reading and writing, and Career and College Pathways.

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

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Superintendent

PLEASE NOTE:

*** Video surveillance and/or electronic monitoring systems are in use in all buildings and transportation vehicles.***

STUDENT CALENDAR 2021-2022

Aug. 18	First Day for Students	Jan. 17	Holiday/No School
Sept. 06	Holiday/No School	Jan. 18	No School - Staff PD
Oct. 20	End of 1st Grading Period	Feb. TBA	Evening Conferences
Oct. 21	No School Staff PD	Feb. 18 & 21	No School
Oct. 22	No School - Records Day	Feb. 22	No School - Staff PD
Nov. TBA	Evening Conferences	Mar. 23	Last Day Before Spring Break
Nov. 02	No School - Staff PD		End of 3rd Grading Period
Nov. 12	No School	Mar. 24	No School - Staff PD
Nov. 24 -26	Holiday/No School	Mar. 25	No School - Records Day
Dec. 08	No School - Staff PD	Apr. 04	Return from Spring Break
Dec. 17	Last Day Before Winter Break	Apr. 15	Holiday/No School
Jan. 04	Return from Winter Break	May 22	Senior Class Graduation
Jan. 13	End of 2nd Grading Period	May 26	Last Day for Students
Jan. 14	No School - Records Day		End of 4th Grading Period

Safe School Hotline

1-800-418-6423

North Fork Board of Education 2021 Meeting Schedule

August 16, 2021	Utica Senior High School	6:00 p.m.
September 20, 2021	Newton Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
October 18, 2021	Utica Middle School	6:00 p.m.
November 15, 2021	Utica Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
December 13, 2021	Newton Elementary School	6:00 p.m.

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>.

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 <https://payschoolscentral.com>.

***** You must complete the application in order to determine if you qualify to receive funds through the P-EBT program and for school fees to be waived. *****

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



Please follow the **PaySchools Central link,**

<https://payschoolscentral.com>

to pay:

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

When registering, you will need your **student's ID number**. This can be found on the report card or in ProgressBook.

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 **seventh** and **twelfth** 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 a student received a Meningitis vaccine before the age of 16 years, a second dose is required for school attendance in 12th grade. If a student received the first dose of the 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 our **school nurse, Jennifer Wygle, RN BSN**, **within 14 days after the start of school.**

