

# NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NEWSLETTER



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\*\*\* FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 \*\*\*

### BUILDING INFORMATION

#### Utica Elementary

- ⇒ 9:08 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Walkers and car pick up students 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 Open House - **August 15, 2022**, 5:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Grades 1 - 5 Open House - **August 15, 2022**, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Newton Elementary

- ⇒ 9:08 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. *Car pick up students dismissed at 3:15 p.m.*
- ⇒ Student drop-off at 8:50 a.m.
- ⇒ Open House - **August 15, 2022**, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Utica Middle School

- ⇒ 7:30 a.m. - 2:18 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry 7:27 a.m. Warning Bell)*
- ⇒ Open House, Schedule Pick-Up, Pictures - **Aug. 5, 2022**, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Open House, Schedule Pick-Up, Pictures - **Aug. 8, 2022**, 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- ⇒ 8th Grade Parent Meeting for WDC Trip - **Aug. 8, 2022**, 5:30 p.m. UMS gym
- ⇒ 6th Grade Orientation - **Aug. 8, 2022**, 6:00 p.m. UMS gym
- ⇒ 7th Grade Parent Meeting & Outdoor Education Meeting - **Aug. 8, 2022**  
6:30 p.m. UMS gym
- ⇒ 7th & 8th Grade iPad Distribution - **Aug. 16, 2022**, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Library
- ⇒ *6th Grade iPads will be distributed on Aug. 19 during the school day.*

#### Utica High School

- ⇒ 7:30 a.m. - 2:18 p.m. *(7:15 a.m. Entry - Go directly to first period class.)*
- ⇒ Schedule Pick-Up, Pictures **Aug. 5, 2022**, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Schedule Pick-Up, Pictures **Aug. 8, 2022**, 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- ⇒ iPad Pick-Up for Juniors & Seniors, **Aug. 11, 2022**, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. HS Library
- ⇒ iPad Pick-Up for Freshmen & Sophomores, **Aug. 15, 2022**, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. HS Library

#### **Newton Elementary**

740-745-5982

Michele Gorius, Principal  
Shelbi Bixler, 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

Anthony Ashbrook, Principal  
Lisa Ritzer, Asst. Principal  
Brian Radabaugh, A.D.  
Debi Beaver, Secretary  
Ashley Reynolds, Secretary  
Missie Woodard, Secretary

#### **District Services**

Food Service/Transportation

Mike Maxwell  
740-892-2006

#### **Curriculum**

Stephanie Kimpel  
740-892-3237

#### **Student Services**

Doug Lunsford  
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

## 2022 Superintendent's Message

The old saying "the older you get the faster time goes" certainly is true. It is hard to believe the start of the 2022- 2023 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 is committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

The excitement of the 2022-23 school year is just beginning. We are continuing the process of ensuring a safe environment through the enhanced cleaning process we have been following. Please remember that schools must maintain a high security level. Anyone wishing to visit the buildings must go through a single door. These are the main doors to each of our buildings.

With curriculum, we have been working to enhance many areas of our programming to aide all students to be successful in their academics. The reading tutors and math support will be ongoing this school year for the elementary schools. The positive behavior support program at all of our buildings will also be continuing. Those changes begin with everyone looking toward our vision to provide and inspire achievement and accountability that maximizes quality learning to focus our energies for improvement.

A primary goal this school year will be to enhance student attendance. The district is focused on keeping our students in the buildings – they cannot learn if they are not here. We have met with the county attendance officer and Judge Lang from the Licking County Juvenile Court to put a plan together to help our students to improve their attendance. Mr. Maxwell will also be helping the county attendance officers by making calls and home visits to assist parents with any needs they may have in getting their student to school.

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 an opportunity for life-long success. Those initiatives include programs for The Leader in Me, Next Generation Learning, Foundations 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*  
Superintendent

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## STUDENT CALENDAR 2022-2023

Aug. 17	<b>First Day for Students</b>	Jan. 3	<b>Return from Winter Break</b>
Sept. 05	<b>No School - Holiday</b>	Jan. 16	<b>No School - Holiday</b>
Sept. 21	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>	Jan. 17	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>
Oct. 19	<b>End of 1st Grading Period</b>	Feb. TBA	<b>Evening Conferences</b>
Oct. 20	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>	Feb. 17	<b>No School</b>
Oct. 21	<b>No School - Records Day</b>	Feb. 20	<b>No School - Holiday</b>
Nov. TBA	<b>Evening Conferences</b>	Feb. 21	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>
Nov. 08	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>	Mar. 8	<b>End of 3rd Grading Period</b>
Nov. 18	<b>No School</b>	Mar. 9	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>
Nov. 23	<b>No School</b>	Mar. 10	<b>No School - Records Day</b>
Nov. 24 -25	<b>No School - Holiday</b>	Mar. 31	<b>Last Day Before Spring Break</b>
Nov. 28	<b>No School - Staff PD</b>	Apr. 10	<b>Return from Spring Break</b>
Dec. 15	<b>Last Day Before Winter Break</b>	May 21	<b>Senior Class Graduation</b>
	<b>End of 2nd Grading Period</b>	May 24	<b>Last Day for Students</b>
Dec. 16	<b>No School - Records Day</b>		<b>End of 4th Grading Period</b>

# Safe School Hotline

**1-800-418-6423**

### North Fork Board of Education 2022 Meeting Schedule

August 15, 2022	Utica Senior High School	6:00 p.m.
September 19, 2022	Newton Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
October 17, 2022	Utica Middle School	6:00 p.m.
November 21, 2022	Utica Elementary School	6:00 p.m.
December 12, 2022	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 is 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. Shanna Justice, Mrs. Mary Schraer, and Ms. Ronda Stevens. 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 Doug Lunsford at 740-892-2106 or [dlunsford@northfork.k12.oh.us](mailto:dlunsford@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](mailto: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.

# ATTENDANCE GUIDE

Attendance is calculated using hours instead of days.

Time missed due to a student being late to school or leaving early also counts toward absence hours.



Attendance officer files a complaint in juvenile court against student and/or parent if the student does not improve attendance or make satisfactory progress on the attendance plan.

**Legal Intervention**  
Tier 3

## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

is when a student misses **10% of the school year (17 days)**

*with or without a legitimate excuse (not including medical excuses)*

## HABITUAL TRUANCY

is when a student misses **30 consecutive hours (approx. 5 days) or 42 hours in a school month (approx. 7 days) or 72 hours in a school year (approx. 12 days)**

*without a legitimate excuse (not including medical excuses)*

## EXCESSIVE ABSENCE

is when a student misses **38 hours in a month (approx. 5 days) or 65 hours in a school year (approx. 10 days)**

*with or without a legitimate excuse (not including medical excuses)*

### Legitimate Excuses for Missing School:

1. Personal illness
2. Illness in the family necessitating the presence of the child
3. Quarantine of the home
4. Death in the family
5. Work at home due to the absence/incapacity of guardian
6. Observance of a religious holiday
7. Medical or dental
8. Medically necessary leave (ordered by a doctor)
9. Emergency or set of circumstances the Superintendent consults as a good and sufficient cause for absence.

To be excused, the student must provide the office a written note from their parent or a medical professional within 3 days stating the date and reason for the student's absence.

*Student referred to the*

**Absence Intervention Team**  
Parents, staff, and the attendance officer meet to address issues causing the absences and create a plan to improve attendance.

**CAUTION**

District staff will address absences in an effort to prevent reaching habitual truancy.

**Early Intervention**

Tier 1

**Active Intervention**

Tier 2



**GOOD ATTENDANCE!**



## **REDSKIN ATHLETICS** **Important Information**

Please follow the link below for the 2022 Fall Sport Schedules.

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/School/24175>

**Mandatory OHSAA Athletic Parent Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 3, 2022**  
**UHS Gym**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **Licking County League** **School Ticket Purchasing Information**

High School Varsity Events \$7.00 General Admission  
High School JV and Middle School Events \$5.00 General Admission

**ALL TICKETS must be purchased online only.**

Any resident of the North Fork Local School District  
who is 60 years old or older may stop in the UHS  
office to pick up a  
**FREE PASS**  
for admittance to all home events.