



North Star Community School
September 2020
 This month's Character Trait is *"Respect"*
Manaaji'iwewin



Welcome to the new school year.
 We hope that everyone had a fun-filled summer!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher, the Vice Principal, Mrs. Carly Skrenski, or the Principal, Ms. Beth Fairfield at 597-6640.

We're Going Back To School



School Day Schedule

8:20 - 8:30 a.m.	Kiss N Ride Program open
8:30 a.m.	Bus arrival & supervised play
8:50 a.m.	Classes begin
10:30 - 11:10 a.m.	First nutrition break & recess
12:50 - 1:30 p.m.	Second nutrition break & recess
3:10 p.m.	Bus arrival and school dismissal

If your child will be going home during either of these breaks, please provide the school with a note giving your permission.

WE PROVIDE A NUT-CONTROLLED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Picking Up Students: In order to minimize disruption, all parents are asked to report to the office, and we will call your child's classroom. Parents are asked to please wait in the foyer for their child to be dismissed at the end of the day.

Students may only leave the school with a parent/guardian or approved adult on your child's registration card. Please send a note, or call the school before 2:30 p.m. to give permission for other special people to pick up your child.

Medical Plans of Care: If your child has a medical need, please ask the office for the appropriate forms to support your child (anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, etc.) Please refer to Board policy 4.11, Student Health, for more information.

Student Handbook: Please read over the student handbook. All important information about the operation of the school will be found there.

Code of Conduct: Please take a few minutes to review the RRDSB Code of Conduct - available on the school and board websites.

Change of Address: Please take the time to complete your child's Verification Form when it arrives home, and return to the school promptly. Changes of address, living arrangements, and custody/access adjustments should be reported to the office when applicable.

School/Police Protocol: Available at the school.

School Website: www.nsc.rrdsb.com

Board Website: www.rrdsb.com

BUSES AND PARKING - SAFETY



Park in the parking lot or marked lane on the school side of the street when dropping your child off or picking them up.

The school driveway is reserved for buses and the Kiss "N" Ride Program from 8:20 - 8:50 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. **Please do not walk in between the buses when picking up your child or exiting the school.**

BUSING OF STUDENTS

If you have any changes, questions or concerns regarding busing, please contact the Rainy River District Transportation Consortium at 1-800-214-1753 ext 5101 or 5102, or visit the RRDSB website.

School Council



School Council needs your voice!

Our first School Council Meeting will be held virtually in early October.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

September Dates

Sept. 7 Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
Sept. 18 Spirit Day - Wild Hair
Sept. 30 Rowan's Law Day for
Concussion Awareness



Help your child start the day right!

Instruction starts promptly at 8:50 a.m. To help your child succeed in school, please ensure they are at the school with enough time to get to their classroom by 8:50 a.m. Literacy instruction happens first thing in the morning.

Playground Safety - Just a reminder to remove all drawstrings, toggle strings, and long ties to prevent the chance of strangulation.

Children must remove scarves and bike helmets before playing on the playground equipment.



Welcome back to a school year like no other! The start of any school year brings nervous excitement and worry for many of us, and this year we have the added concerns of dealing with COVID-19. Although we are dealing with a global pandemic, the good news is we are welcoming students back to our schools this

September. Although school will look and feel different for students and parents this year, based on direction from the Ministry of Education and Northwestern Health Unit, we have been working diligently over the summer to prepare our schools for the safe return of our students and staff. Some of the enhanced protocols in the school will be increased signage within the school, increased hand hygiene, an emphasis on respiratory etiquette, enhanced cleaning protocols, cohorting of students by class or grade(s), physical distancing while at school, more individualized packages of student resources in the classroom where possible, changes to arrival and dismissal procedures, all staff will wear eye protection and masks, all students in grades 4-12 will wear cloth face coverings and students in grades K-3 will be encouraged to wear a cloth face covering if they are able. Visitors to the school, including parents, will be restricted to emergency only. Our initial focus at school will be on ensuring students feel comfortable and safe with their new learning environment and giving them many opportunities to practice the new protocols that will be in place to ensure everyone's safety. Please visit the Board website, it has FAQ section related to school reopening.

How can you help?

Please help us to keep all students, staff and the larger community safe; do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell and complete the COVID-19 assessment with your child daily. If your child fails the assessment, keep them at home and inform the school administration. Be a role model by practicing and talking to your child about COVID-19 prevention. The NWHU has many excellent resources [COVID-19 RESOURCES](#) to support parents (this link is also on the school webpage).

Communication home will occur by electronic means whenever possible, please continue to check the school website for student handbook updates, code of conduct, school newsletters and any other school related informational items. If you require paper copies, please contact the school secretary.

The board website is an excellent resource as well. Teachers in K-6 will be using the SeeSaw platform to communicate with parents, teachers in grades 7-12 will be using Edsby. School staff may also be reached by phone or email. If you require paper copies, please contact the school secretary.

Finally, this year will require all of us to be even more forgiving, adaptable, flexible, and compassionate. I look forward to seeing our students and watching them learn and flourish throughout the school year.