



North Star Public School

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July 27, 2017

Dear North Star Families:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year. As always, we are excited to have your kids back in school, and this year they start on Tuesday, August 22nd. I hope everyone's summer has them rested and ready to go for the fall.

This year, we welcome some new teachers and staff into our school community. Mr. Kyle Volkman will join us as our high school English teacher. He previously taught at Hinsdale. Mrs. Davilynn McCormick will be delivering Title I services at the elementary as well.

In closing, I can't wait to see everyone again as the school year gets rolling. **For the complete packet for this year, please check your email, as it is being sent in electronic form. If you do not receive that email, have changed email addresses, do not have email and want a paper copy, or would prefer a paper copy, or have other questions regarding the start of our school year, please contact the main district office at (406) 355-4481.**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart K. Hawkins".

Mr. Bart K. Hawkins, Superintendent
North Star School District 99M



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2017-2018

School begins on Tuesday, August 22 at 7:55 for elementary students and at 8:05 AM for students in grades 7-12. School will dismiss as usual at 3:45 PM. Breakfast and lunch will be served. **Busses will run although the schedule is not finalized as of yet as bus driver(s) are needed.** The school calendar is enclosed with this mailing and is also posted on the school web site at www.northstar.k12.mt.us

E-mails

School personnel have new email addresses this year. The naming convention is first initial last name @nsschools.org. For example: ctempel@nsschools.org or bcampbell@nsschools.org or kbangs@nsschools.org

School Pictures

August 29 school pictures will be taken beginning at the elementary at 8:00 AM and then move to the junior high and high school in Rudyard later that morning.

School Meals

Breakfast is \$1.65 and lunch is \$2.65 for students. Or \$86.00 for 20 days (both breakfast and lunch). **Students must pre-pay or bring money each day they eat.** The Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application was emailed out. Please complete it and return it to Carol at the JH/HS office in Rudyard. All information is confidential. Meals can be paid for via credit card or e-check. Log into the Infinite Campus portal and select Payments. Input your payment amount, click continue and follow the instructions to complete your payment.

Kindergarten

School for Kindergarteners will be held August 22, 24, 29, 31 and September 5, 7, and 8. Thereafter kindergarten meets on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Refer to the school calendar as sometimes kindergarten will be held on a Friday.

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The school website address is listed above, all of the beginning-of-school information is listed on it as well as a lot of other information. Lunch menus, academic and activities, bus routes, free and reduced lunch application, the Infinite Campus portal for parents, elementary information and more can be found on the website.

7th Grade Immunizations

All students entering the 7th grade must receive a dose of Tdap/Td booster vaccine prior to the start of school. Documentation of the Tdap vaccine must be sent to the school. Mail to North Star School, Attn: Carol, PO Box 129, Rudyard, MT 59540 or fax to 355-4532 by August 17.

Challenge yourself
Own your behavior
Display respect
Encourage others

Infinite Campus Portal and Mobile Device

The Infinite Campus Portal is on the right hand side of the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us. Parents and students can see school announcements, grades, attendance, and pay for meals on-line. Emails can be sent to a teacher by viewing the student schedule and clicking on the envelope next to the teacher's name. If you have forgotten or need your Infinite Campus login username or need your password reset, contact either office.

Infinite Campus can also be accessed from a mobile device. Download the Infinite Campus Mobile Portal application from the App Store. In settings, enter the District ID of CRQNXT and select go. You will then enter your Infinite Campus username and password.

Student/Parent Handbook

The handbook will be given to students the first few days of school. It will be the responsibility of the child to get the handbook home, review it with their parent or guardian, complete both sides of the last page and return it to the school office. **If your child is in sports, you have already completed the Student Information side, just complete the sign-off page and return it to the school office.**

Drivers Education

All students registered for Drivers Education must pay a fee of \$150 before January 22, 2018.

Student Class Schedule

A student schedule was mailed home for each individual in grades 7-12 from your household. **For changes, write it on the student schedule, have the parent sign the sheet & mail it to the school, Attn: Carol by August 14 or have the parent email the change to ctempel@nsschools.org.**

Schedule changes will be allowed the first few days of school and will require a drop/add slip and parent signature. Remember that Junior High students must take at least one music class, either band or choir. Both band and choir are encouraged.

Sports Physicals

Students in grades 5-12 who plan on participating in any sport will need to complete the MHS physical form and pass the physical prior to beginning practice. Physical forms can be obtained at www.northstar.k12.mt.us under Sports or at the office in Rudyard. **NOTE: High school football and volleyball practices begin on August 11. Junior high football practice will begin on August 16 and volleyball practices begin August 15.** Letters from the respective coaches will be emailed, call the office if you need a hardcopy.

Electronic Devices & Cell Phones

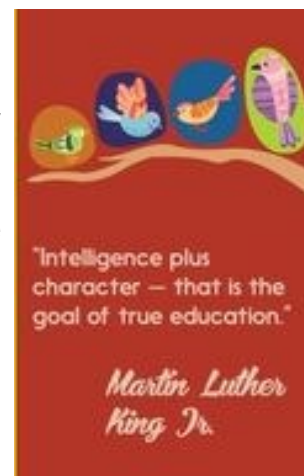
Elementary students: Cell phones or electronic devices shall not be visible or activated at school or on a bus except by permission from a classroom teacher.

Grades 7-12: Cell phones or electronic devices must be placed face down on the student desk/table for the entire class period. If a device distracts the class, the staff member will answer it, look at messages, and confiscate the device for 24 hours. This includes if the parent is texting or contacting their student. On the 2nd offense, the device will be kept for 7 days. Cell phones and electronic devices may be used before school and at lunch time in the common areas until the bell rings. They should not be used near food or drink. Ear buds can only be used at the discretion of the teacher. iPad misuse will have the same consequences as above.

All: The school is not responsible for any personal items brought from home to school including electronic devices or cell phones.

Medications

No medications are provided by the school. If your child requires pain relievers or any other medicine, the parent must provide a supply to the office with the student name and dosage.



Bad Weather or School Emergencies

During bad weather or other school emergencies, school closure or delays will be announced on the Havre radio stations (610 KOJM-AM and KPQX-FM 92.5). The Infinite Campus messenger system may also be used to contact parents/guardians.

Activity Passes

Prices for activity season passes are: Family \$250, Adult \$125, Student \$25. **Students in grades 5-12 who participate in football, volleyball, basketball or track are required to purchase an activity pass. If a family pass is purchased, a separate student pass is not required.** This price covers all North Star athletic regular season competitions (excludes tournaments/playoffs/showcases). Family passes do not include college age children.

Parent or Guardian Concerns

The objective is to resolve concerns promptly and informally. Therefore, please first talk to the teacher or staff member with whom you have a concern. If the concern isn't resolved at that level, then discuss the issue with the superintendent, Mr. Bart Hawkins.

Phone Calls

Messages will be given to students between classes or at lunch. Parent/guardian calls to teachers will go to their voice mail unless it is their prep period.

Loan of District-owned Property

Individuals wishing to borrow equipment or items from the school must complete a form for loan of district-owned property. This will allow the district to track loaned items, verify the outgoing and incoming condition and ensure their return in a timely manner.

Facilities Use Agreement

Organizations or individuals who want to use school district buildings need to complete a Facilities Use Agreement in advance of the event/meeting. Forms are available in the office. **Please do not ask to borrow keys or FOBs from staff members.**

Annual Notices:

Title VI, of the Civil Rights Act - Prohibiting discrimination based on race, color and national origin, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act - Prohibiting discrimination based on disability, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act - prohibiting discrimination based on disability, Title IX of the Education Amendments - prohibiting education based on sex and pregnancy, Age Discrimination Act - prohibiting discrimination based on age and the Boy Scouts Act - providing equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. North Star Schools does not discriminate on the basis listed above. Mr. Bart Hawkins, Superintendent is the coordinator to handle complaints under Section 504, Title II, Title IX and the Age Act.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): A parent/guardian or eligible students (students at least 18 years of age) have the right to inspect and review their education records, amend education records, and permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in education records, and file a complaint with the US Department of Education. Records may be disclosed to school officials (teachers, administration or office personnel) without prior written consent. To request and review education records for grades 7-12, contact Carol Tempel, Administrative Assistant; for grades K-6, contact Katie Bangs, Elementary Secretary. The school has the right to release student directory information to the news media, military recruiters and other agencies or individuals with legitimate educational interest unless the parent or eligible student denies such release by completing the form available in the office titled "Student Directory Information Notification". The list of information designated as directory information is listed in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Uninterrupted Scholars Act: The district is allowed to disclose education records of a student to an agency caseworker or representative from the state or a local child welfare agency or to a tribal authority if that person is determined to have a right to access and the agency/tribal authority is legally responsible for the student's care and protection.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA): The PPRA is a federal law that affords rights to parents of minor students with regarding surveys of students, instructional materials, personal information or asking questions of a personal nature. Briefly, the law requires that schools obtain written consent from parents before minor students are required to participate in any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning: political affiliations; mental and psychological problems; behavior or attitudes about sex; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs; or income.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other students. To find out what services and supports may be available, contact Superintendent, Bart Hawkins at 355-4481.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act: The asbestos management plan is available at the District Office.

Child Nutrition: Free and reduced price meals applications are available from the District Office. The school wellness policy is also available from the District Office.

Annual Parent Notice, Right to Request Teacher Qualifications: Parents have the right to request information on the qualifications of their child's teacher. If requested, the district can provide the following: whether or not the teacher has met the certification requirements of the state; whether or not the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status; the bachelor's degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher in the field or discipline of his or her certificate or degree; and whether or not the child receives service from a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications.

Tobacco and Clean Air Laws: Montana's clean air laws prohibit an individual from using a tobacco product in a public school building or on school property. This includes athletic fields, playgrounds, parking lots, administration buildings, lawns or school busses. No cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smokeless or spit tobacco, etc. is allowed on any school property or in any school building.

Firearm Free Zone: It is against the law to bring a firearm on school property. Exceptions can be made by the Superintendent for educational or curriculum purposes such as Hunter's Safety classes.

North Star School Calendar 2017-18

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August						
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August
11 First Date for Practice FB, VB
17 & 21 PIR Days for teachers, no school
22 First Day for Students
26 First Date for FB, VB Competition
September
4 Labor Day - No School
6 & 7 PIR Day 4:30 - 7:30 PM Open Houses
21 Mid-quarter
October
1 First Date for Speech & Drama Meets
18 School out 1:30 PM - Teacher's Conv.
19-20 PIR Days Teacher Conv - No School
26 End of First Quarter
26-27 District VB Tournament
28 First Round FB Playoffs
November
2 PIR Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:30 - 7:30 PM
16 First Date for BB practice
17 PIR 1/2 day 8:00-Noon, No School
22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
December
7 Mid-quarter
22 School out 1:30
23-31, Jan 1-2 Christmas Break
January
2 New Year's Day - No School
15 Regional BPA - No School
19-20 Divisional Speech & Drama Meet
19 End of 2nd Quarter/First Semester
26-27 State Speech & Drama Meet
February
2 PIR 1/2 day 8:00 - Noon
22 Mid-quarter
March
2 PIR 1/2 day 8:00-Noon, No School
11-13 State BPA (No School March 12)
12 First Date for Track & Field Practice
18-20 State FCCLA (No School March 19)
23 End of Third Quarter
29 PIR Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:30-7:30 PM
April
1-2 Easter Break - No School
9-11 State SkillsUSA (No School April 9)
20-21 District Music Festival
26 Mid-quarter
May
4-5 State Solo & Ensemble Festival
9 District Track & Field
17 Divisional Track & Field
19 Graduation
24 Student Last Day/End 4th Qtr; Out 1:30 PM
25-26 State Track & Field
28 Memorial Day
29 Teacher Check Out
PIR Days:
Aug 17 & 21, 1/2 day Sept 6 & 7, Oct 19 & 20, 1/2 day Nov 6 & 17, 1/2 day Feb 2, 1/2 day March 2 & 29

Comments:

1:30 out on Oct 18, Dec 22, and May 24

Kindergarten Days:

Aug 22,24,29,31; Sept 5,7,8,11,12,14,18,19,21,25,26,28;
 Oct 2,3,5,9,10,12,16,17,23,24,26,30,31;
 Nov 2,6,7,9,13,14,16,20,21,27,28,30; Dec 4,5,7,11,12,14,18,19,21,22;
 Jan 4,5,8,9,11,16,18,19,22,23,25,29,30; Feb 1,5,6,8,12,13,15,19,20,22,26,27;
 Mar 1,5,6,8,13,15,16,20,22,23,26,27,29; Apr 3,5,6,10,12,13,16,17,19,23,24,26,30;
 May 1,3,7,8,10,14,15,17,18,21,22,23,24.

- Key:**
- Beginning/End of school, end of quarters
 - Mid-quarters
 - No school
 - School out at 1:30 PM
 - PIR day