

MUSTANG MAIL



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Mrs. Karst's Memo

Dear Parents,

The first day of school is now Tuesday, August 4th, and we cannot wait to see our SC Family back together again! If your child is new to our building, please know that we will have our entire staff in the hallways and entrances to the building to greet and help all students find their classroom on the first day. Most students will not know how to find their class since we did not host Ice Cream Social, and we are here to help! Please note that no adults are allowed to walk children to class, even on a normal school year.

A suggestion for kindergarten parents would be to stop by Stony Creek this weekend to take a picture of your child in front of the sign near our building for their "First Day of Kindergarten" picture. We do not want adults congregating or blocking traffic in the car rider line on Tuesday morning! So do this in a safe less crowded manner.

We ask that if at all possible you do not have your child wear flip flops to school. These often break, cause issues at recess with mulch and in general are not safe in a school setting.

Important Dates

Tuesday, August 4th

1st day of School

If you have any questions about anything coming up before the first day of school, please send your questions to Heidi_Karst@nobl.k12.in.us.

Masks

- Please provide 2 masks with your child's name written on each in permanent marker for the first day of school.
- Please make sure your child can put it on and take it off on their own. PRACTICE!
- Students must wear masks on the bus, when entering the building, in hallways, restrooms, in all common spaces, and when directed by their teacher in the classroom.
- Video: [Mask up Hoosiers kids](#)

Employment Opportunities

Stony Creek is hiring for multiple positions:

Instructional Assistants - working with teachers and students

Cafeteria/Recess Aides - helping students open lunch items, sanitizing tables, and transitioning students to recess; most time will be spent inside, small amounts of outdoor time

If interested call 317-773-0582 or email Deanna_Cline@nobl.k12.in.us

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures



CAR RIDER ARRIVAL - Car riders will be allowed in the building between 7:40-8:00

CAR RIDER DISMISSAL - In order to get your child and not hold up the line, we ask that you strictly adhere to this new plan for when to arrive for pick up:

Students with last names **A-M**, parents arrive at 1:30 for a 1:35 dismissal

Students with last names **N-Z**, parents arrive at 1:40 for a 1:45 dismissal

If you arrive before your child is dismissed, you will hold up the entire line.

Please seat your child on the right side of the car for their safety when entering / exiting the car.

Please DO NOT park in the parking lot and walk your child up to the sidewalk! This is extremely dangerous.

Please DO NOT park and walk up to get your child, unless it is during the instructional time of the day.

For dismissal, please write your child's last name in LARGE dark letters on a large piece of paper to put in your car window for pick up so we can see the name and call it out. This will help speed up students getting to cars.

Please help your child practice getting in and out of car seats, and opening and closing the car doors. We are trying to not touch your child or vehicle. We ask that parents stay in cars to keep the traffic flowing and for your safety.

BUS ARRIVAL - The two bus times each morning are 7:30 and 8:00

BUS DISMISSAL - The two bus times each afternoon are 1:30 and 2:00

WALKER/BIKE RIDER ARRIVAL - Walkers will be allowed in the building between 7:40-8:00

WALKER/BIKE RIDER DISMISSAL - Walkers will be dismissed at 1:30

Walkers/Bikers should be met near the bike rack/kindergarten playground area. At arrival, parents can walk/bike their student to the bike rack area, then allow the student to walk to the main entrance by themselves.



Changes to know about this year

- Students DO NOT need to bring all of their school supplies on the first day of school. Bring a comfortable amount each day in the backpack throughout the first week.
- We ask that you send your child to school with a water bottle that can be refilled as all drinking fountains are closed. We do have bottle filling stations.
- No visitors will be allowed into the building. Parents wishing to meet with any staff member need to call or email the staff member to set up a virtual meeting.
- We will be keeping students with only the students in their classrooms throughout the day, we will not be mixing students from other classes together.
- We are discouraging parents from taking their child out to lunch this year, please do this on the weekends.
- There will not be any field trips this semester.
- All traditional PTO events will not happen this semester, BUT students will be able to participate with their own classmates in the Stampede event later this fall.

Confirmed Case of COVID-19

If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 we will follow direction from the Hamilton County Health Department. This may include closing a classroom, school or schools for a period of time and shifting to online instruction at home for students who are impacted.

You can expect that if a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in our school we will notify ALL parents and staff in the building, including contacting anyone who may have been directly exposed. Please do not rely on social media rumors as an accurate source of school information.

A confirmed case does not necessarily mean a whole class or school will be impacted, as many of our new procedures (social distancing, assigned seating, cohort groups) are designed to support contact tracing and containment should a confirmed case of COVID occur.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to bring students safely back to school.



Recess

Students will be assigned a daily area (zone) to play on with only students from their own class. These zones will rotate daily. Additional outdoor items are being purchased to play with where there is not a typical playground piece of equipment to play on.

Specials Classes

In order to keep contact to a minimum among students and varying adults in the building, our specials teachers will be going into the grade level classrooms to teach specials. Your child will have the same specials class for two weeks in a row. Some specials classes may go outside for their learning if the weather permits.

Nurse's Clinic

We will have a second nurse's area in the office to use as needed. If we call you to pick up a sick or injured child, we need you to have a plan to have someone available to pick them up ASAP. We are hopeful that any student needing to leave for medical reasons can be picked up within 15-20 minutes from the time we call you. We are wanting to minimize the threat of illnesses spreading.

Please do not attempt to enter the building during arrival or dismissal for medication drop off as this will need to take place in the lobby where students will be. The two times we prefer for medicine drop off are between 8:30 and 9:00 after arrival or between 2:30 and 3:00 after dismissal.

If you have a student with medical needs please contact Nurse Elle at michelle_fousecass@nobl.k12.in.us.

Cafeteria

Breakfast will NOT be served in the cafeteria. Students needing a school breakfast will be offered a small grab and go meal in our lobby on their way to class. Students will be asked to eat at their seat in the classroom upon arrival.

At lunch, students will only be allowed to sit with peers in their own classroom. They will have assigned seats. Classroom table groups will be separated from other classroom groups. In order to make this spacing work, some students will eat in the gym, others in the cafeteria.