

NORTHEAST ACADEMY ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Since my last correspondence a few weeks back, our school has continued to prepare for the new year ahead in many different ways. Thank you so much for your diligence in completing the district's enrollment form. Mrs. Wheeler and I were able to take all of this information and use it to balance our cohorts and class lists rather seamlessly.

As a reminder, the first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Tuesday, September 8th. We will begin with Cohort A. That same week, Kindergarten screenings will occur in our K classrooms with the first day of school for our Kindergarten friends scheduled for Monday, September 14th. Kindergarten families, please stay tuned for more details in the near future on K screenings and be on the lookout here on our school website for an Orientation PowerPoint to help acclimate you to NEA.

Please read the following information carefully:

- Teacher letters to each student in grades 1-5 are being mailed this week. They should arrive by the weekend.
- Northeast Academy (and all Groton schools) are nut free this year. Please do not send your child to school with any nut products. This is a safety concern.
- We will no longer be allowing food from home for any in-class celebrations. Our food services department has a menu posted online to order from. Please coordinate with your child's classroom teacher.
- The start time for school this year is 8:40, not 8:30. Students who are driven to school and students on the bus will be allowed into the building starting at 8:40. For those who eat breakfast at school, a grab-and-go station will greet them inside our foyer. Students will take their breakfast to the classroom to eat.
- We encourage all families to conduct a basic health assessment in the morning prior to leaving for school. Please check your child's temperature before they head out.
- For the safety of everyone, visitors and volunteers are discouraged this year. Anyone coming into the building to pick up a student must wear a mask at all times.

In the coming days, we will be filming a short video for our school website to give you a preview of what school will look like this year. We hope this eases the transition for our students and helps to calm some nerves as well.

Teachers return this Thursday for the beginning of professional development. Our schedule is packed with applicable trainings and planning time for both our hybrid and distance learners.

See everyone soon!

-Mr. Chaney