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Dear North Salem Families,

It is my hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. I am so pleased to be able to send this letter to you regarding the start of the 2026-2027 school year. The staff at North Salem has been hard at work preparing the building for the upcoming school year. Our custodial and maintenance staff have done a fantastic job cleaning and maintaining our building over the summer. Teachers have been in and out of the building over the summer and are preparing their rooms for the new year. And as always, our office staff has everything ready to go for our families and students. We look forward to welcoming our students back for another year at North Salem Elementary School.

The following information should help assist you as we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year:

Class Placement

Your child's class placement will be accessible through the parent portal in our Skyward system on August 10, 2026. If you are having trouble accessing this information, please call the school office at 717-292-8071.

First Day of School

The first day of school for **Kindergarten** students will be on **Monday, August 17, 2026**. Kindergarten families received a special mailing regarding this day. Students with a last name starting with A through L will attend with a family member from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Students with a last name starting with M through Z will attend with a family member from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

The first day of school for students in first through fifth grade will be on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**.

School Day

The school day begins at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. each day. There are no changes to the morning schedule and students should not arrive to school before 8:40 a.m. under any circumstances. If you plan to transport your child to and from school, you are encouraged to apply for a car rider permit. These forms can be picked up in the school office. The office must receive a request in writing for car riders at all times. Car riders should use the designated lane around the perimeter of the school as the lanes in the front of the school are used for buses and vans only. For everyone's safety, we are asking parents to avoid parking in the fire lane in front of the school. Please remember to yield to any bus that may be leaving our school parking lot.

Bus Routes

Bus assignments will be accessible in the parent portal in our Skyward system. This year, we will not be sending home postcards with busing information. Within the first two days of school, we will be giving each child a ticket to ensure they ride the correct bus home. Please review your arrangements with your child daily to ensure they are in the proper area for bus dismissal or car rider pick-up. If you have any transportation questions about your child's bus, you may call Mrs. Kimberly Kohler at 292-3671 Ext. 80222. Please know that

it is common to expect 5-10 minute delays during the first two weeks of school. Kindergarten students must have a parent present in the afternoon at the bus stop to be dropped off.

Change of Clothing

Parents, please consider sending in an extra change of clothing for your child in case of accidents and special events happening throughout the school. The change of clothing (appropriate for the season) should be placed in a zip lock bag with your child's name.

Orientation for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Parent Orientation for students in grades first through fifth is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Each teacher will be presenting two identical sessions following the below schedule:

Grades 1 and 2 (Session 1)	6:00 – 6:30 PM
Grades 1 and 2 (Session 2)	6:30 – 7:00 PM
Grades 3, 4, and 5 (Session 1)	6:30 – 7:00 PM
Grades 3, 4, and 5 (Session2)	7:00 – 7:30 PM

P.T.O.

North Salem Elementary School has a Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) and parents are encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings. Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for parent volunteers and supporters for our PTO activities and events. Our PTO co-presidents are Mrs. Samantha Brauer and Mrs. Becky Miller. The PTO can be contacted via email at dovernsepto@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a part of this very important organization!

In Partnership,

Mr. Christopher Young
Principal