



# North Branford Intermediate School

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Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying the end of summer with family and friends. August is always filled with the excitement of a new school year and for the students, excitement about finding out who their teachers and classmates will be! Over the summer, our staff have been hard at work preparing for a school year dedicated to the growth and well-being of our students. We look forward to welcoming them back soon!

You can access PowerSchool via our school's home page (<http://nbis.northbranfordschools.org>), and starting on **August 21st**, you will be able to log on to PowerSchool and view your child's schedule, bus assignment, and course/class placements. The teachers for each grade-level team are as follows:

## Sixth Grade: "Team 6"

S. Misiti- Mathematics  
J. Daley- Language Arts  
K. Griffin-Daley- Science  
S. Hogan- Sp. Education

N. Brustman- Mathematics  
L. Goldstein- Language Arts  
J. Prell- Social Studies

## Seventh Grade: "Team 7"

C. Colandrea- Mathematics  
S. Slocum- Language Arts  
B. Sabetta- Science  
J. Booth- Sp. Education

M. Reynolds- Mathematics  
J. Cristofano- Language Arts  
M. Ardine- Geography  
B. Fiorentino- Sp. Education

## Eighth Grade: "Team 8"

L. Dow- Mathematics  
H. Reed- Language Arts  
C. Sabetta- History  
A. Salmeron- Spanish  
J. Booth- Sp. Education

T. Ramada- Mathematics  
A. Crismale- Language Arts  
N. Bowers- Science  
C. Ward- Sp. Education

As the start of the school year approaches, we wanted to take a moment to discuss a few important reminders:

### School Arrival and Dismissal

School begins on **Wednesday, August 28th, 2024** and will be a full day of school (7:30-1:57PM). Please remember students cannot enter the building until **7:15AM**. All students will be dismissed at **1:57PM** for the first two weeks (Aug. 28-Sept. 6th).

### Accessing the School Building

If you need to come into the building during the school day, please use the intercom located in either of the two main entrances. You will then be able to communicate directly with our security team in the lobby. Please be prepared to show your driver's license at the security desk.

### Communication

**Principal's Friday Notes:** Dr. Dahlstrom will send a weekly update every Friday at 3:00PM with the latest news and upcoming events for the following week. You can expect the first letter for the 2024-2025 school year to be sent on Friday, August 30th, as long as you are signed up to receive messages in PowerSchool.

**School Website:** (<http://nbis.northbranfordschools.org>): Our school website has an abundance of useful and exciting information that is posted and updated regularly. The most current daily announcements and monthly happenings, a

Google calendar with upcoming school events and athletic event info, teacher website links, contact info, and all past editions of *Friday Notes* can be accessed from our school website. We strongly suggest you bookmark the website as one of your favorites!

### Contacting the School

Our **main office phone line (203-484-1500)** is open from 7:00AM. until 4:00PM. on regular school days. You may leave a voicemail message at any time. Please do NOT call the main office phone line to report an absence or tardy. Our dedicated **Attendance Line (203-484-1247)** should be used for that purpose.

### Daily Attendance Procedures

**Reporting Absences or Late Arrivals:** If your child is going to be late or absent, please call our Attendance Line (203-484-1247) by 7:30AM and leave a message. Again, please do NOT call the main office for attendance purposes.

**Individual Student Early Dismissal Process:** Parents must provide an early dismissal note to the school each time a student needs to leave school earlier than dismissal time. The note should include the pickup time and a parent signature. Your child must give the early dismissal note to their homeroom teacher upon arrival at school on the morning of the early dismissal day. Parent(s) should report to the security desk when they come to pick up the student at the designated time.

### School Hours

Our school day begins with homeroom at **7:30AM** (dropped off students are allowed in the building at 7:15AM). The afternoon dismissal process begins at **1:57PM**. On district early release days, dismissal begins at **12:10PM**. On two-hour delay days, school begins at **9:30AM**.

### Student Forms

This is a change from previous years. On **August 21st**, when the schedules are live for families to see, there will be forms for parents to fill out. In the past, these forms were all paper. To ensure efficiency and ease, we have added them to PowerSchool for parents and guardians to complete each year. Student emergency contact information must also be reviewed and edited in PowerSchool each year.

As a reminder, you can find a link for the parent portal on our school's home page. Once logged in, look for the parent portal link (Ecollect Forms) in the left column. These forms need to be completed for each individual student. (*Student and Handbook agreement, Photo and Video release, Cell Phone Agreement, Internet Safety, and Acceptable Use Policy*)

### School Supplies

Students should arrive on the first day with their Chromebooks, a notebook and folder, and a writing utensil. Teachers will share a supply list with students during the first few days and also post it to their Google classroom.

### Student Transportation, Parent Pickups and Dropoffs

All students will have a bus assignment provided to them. It is highly recommended that students take advantage of the school provided transportation. Students are only permitted to ride to and from school on the bus they are assigned, and are not permitted to ride any other bus. Please be sure to make all daily afternoon transportation arrangements ahead of time with this in mind. Parents are also permitted to drop off and pick up their children.

**Fall Sports:** Try-outs for fall sports will be September 4-6th. Any student who is trying out for a fall sport must have a ride home. There will be no late buses that week.

### Upcoming Events

- **Students' First Day of School-** Wednesday, August 28, 2024
- **NBIS Back to School Family Picnic-** Thursday, September 5, 2024 (5:30PM - 7:00PM)
- **PTO Meeting-** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (6:00PM, NBIS Principal's Conference Room)
- **Open House for Parents-** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 (6:30PM, NBIS)

### General Reminders/Useful Information

- Daily announcements will be posted on the NBIS home page: <https://nbis.northbranfordschools.org>
- The Student and Family Handbook is linked [HERE](#). Please take time to review our policies, rules, and attendance procedures with your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a fantastic first day back and a great school year. We can't wait to see everyone on the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Karolyn Dahlstrom  
Principal