



September 27, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/5 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
- 10/7 Early Dismissal @ 12:00 - Teacher PD
- 10/8 No School - Teacher In-Service Day
- 10/11 No School - Columbus Day
- 10/13 Fall Picture Day
- 10/13 Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM - Room #211

Dear Norfolk Faculty, Staff, Students, and Families:

A press release from the Governor's office announced yesterday that Northwestern High School has been named a **2021 National Blue Ribbon School for exemplary high performance**. This is the highest recognition in public education and a tremendous credit to the faculty, staff, students, and families of Region 7. Judy Palmer included this statement in her published message: "We share this award with the leadership, faculty, staff, and students of our elementary school districts and the Hartland School, for their work in building our students' educational foundation. We also share this award with students and families from Winchester and Torrington who attend Northwestern's Agricultural Education program.

Please see the [attached the video](#) if you are interested in additional information about this national award.

Here is the link to the 2021 United States Department of Education [National Blue Ribbon Award Winners](#).

BOTELLE PTO ANNUAL BELIEVE KIDS FUNDRAISER!

If you didn't turn in your fundraiser order forms, that's OK! Online ordering is also still open and you may continue to share with family and friends online!

Please make sure to turn in all order forms AND payment to the main office by **Wednesday, September 29th!**

Please call/text Jenna Brown if you have any questions regarding this fundraiser at 1-860-967-5944. Thank you!!!

6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

Monday, September 27th 6PM at the playground! We will be discussing all things 6th grade! This is a huge year for our 6th class and we need as many parents to help out as possible. We'll see you there! Any questions call/text Jenna Brown at 1-860-967-5944



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Open House. For those of you who were unable to attend, please remember you can reach out to your child's teacher anytime with questions. A strong home-school partnership is essential to student success. When we met as a whole school in the gym, we did a wordle! A wordle is a word survey that shows the participants' responses instantly. We asked the question, *How do you want your child to feel at school? Choose three words.* You can still participate in the wordle. Scan the QR code below or go to www.menti.com and use the code **1063 4955**. We'd love your input before we show the students your responses at Thursday's Good News Gathering.



Here's what parents said so far!





COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

Covid Protocols



Daily Screening For Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:

- ⚠ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*



- ⚠ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?
- ✗ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.
- STOP If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (excluding routine testing) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.
- ⚠ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.

OR

4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse.

MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who are quarantining due to a positive case of Covid or is a close contact. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom.