

BOBCAT NEWS

*NEW BOSTON CENTRAL SCHOOL * 15 CENTRAL SCHOOL ROAD * NEW BOSTON * NH 03070*

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ATTENDANCE : PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REPORT ABSENCES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE PRIOR TO 8.30AM USING NB_CS_ATTENDANCE@SAU19.ORG OR 603-487-2211.

SCHOOL NEWS

September 13th, 2024

DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION

At drop off and pick up our focus is having on having an efficient, timely process that is safe for our students and staff. Please refer to this [traffic pattern document](#) for parent drop off and pick up guidelines.



PLEASE HAVE A LETTER SIZE SIGN WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE PLACED ON YOUR DASHBOARD SO WE CAN UNLOAD AND LOAD YOUR CHILDREN MORE QUICKLY

This is especially important for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Please ensure your sign is placed on your dashboard and make eye contact with the traffic duty person as they will try and direct your car towards the sidewalk so staff can unload/load your child.

Parents should not be getting out of their cars. Staff are available to help students into and out of cars.

We highly encourage teaching your kindergarten and 1st Graders to strap themselves in

- For children who are exiting cars farthest from the sidewalk please have them walk between the rows of cars to the nearest crosswalk where traffic monitors are standing.
- Traffic guards will be signaling to you when it is safe to move your car.
- Students are organized in alphabetical order for pick up.

Morning drop off is between 7:45-8:00 am. School begins promptly at 8:00 AM each morning. Teachers take attendance at or shortly after 8:00 am. If your child arrives at the main entrance at 8:00 am or after, please have him/her stop in the office for a tardy slip. This process is necessary so that we clearly know which children are present or absent each day and so we do not alarm you when we call to verify your child's absence.

BUS

Bus schedules can be found on the New Boston Central School website [here](#) Please be aware that the buses may run a couple of minutes late as our students get used to boarding their buses and the bus drivers get used to their routes.

Please remember that there will be no bus change notes.

Children can only ride their regular bus to their place of residence or regular daycare.

All children in 2nd grade and under will need to be met by a parent / guardian off the bus.



SAFESTOP BUS UPDATES

1. Download the SafeStop app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Enter the NBCS school access code 403007
3. Enter your child's unique Student ID
4. Select the (bus or route name based on school communications preference) you wish to track.
5. Create alert zones around drop-off and pick-up points. You're all set! You will be able to track the bus's movement during active route times and receive notifications when the bus enters your custom alert zone(s).

SNACKS AND LUNCH

Please be sure to send your child with a healthy snack if you have not ordered breakfast online. Each class has a designated snack break during the day in addition to their lunch break. If you do not have money on your child's lunch account you are welcome to send a check to the office made payable to NBCS- Food Services or make a payment online here. Please write your child's name and lunch ID on the envelope.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Emergency Contact Form

If you have not already done so please check and sign the emergency contact form sent home with your child on the first day of school and return it to school.



Annual Back to School Forms

We are asking ALL families to complete our annual back to school student forms online in the Powerschool Parent Portal.

This process helps to reduce the amount of paper forms that go home and provides quicker delivery of information to our staff for processing and updating your student's information.

The information asked for in these forms is important as it pertains to any health conditions, medications your child may need to receive at school if anything happens.

To access these forms, log into the PowerSchool Portal at sms.sau19.org. Navigate to "Forms" in the left menu. We ask that one parent or guardian per student complete the required "Annual" forms listed as "Empty" to provide our schools with important student and health information, as well as provide the necessary acknowledgements and permissions for the new school year. Your completed forms will have the status of "Pending", "Submitted" or "Approved" as staff review and process forms over the upcoming weeks. If possible, please try to upload PDF files instead of phone screen shots due to upload and storage restrictions. If you need additional assistance accessing your PowerSchool account or requesting a new account, please contact Patrick.Walsh@sau19.org.

SAVE THE DATE

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| 9/16 | KINDERGARTEN & READINESS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 5.30-6PM |
| 9/16 | 1ST GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6.05-6.35PM |
| 9/16 | 2ND GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6.40-7.10PM |
| 9/17 | 5TH GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6-6.30PM |
| | 5TH GRADE BAND PRESENTATION, MUSIC ROOM 6.35-7.05PM |
| 9/17 | 6TH GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6.35-7PM |
| | 6TH GRADE BAND PRESENTATION, MUSIC ROOM 6-6.30PM |
| 9/18 | 3RD GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6-6.30PM |
| 9/18 | 4TH GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6.35-7.05PM |
| 9/18 | PTA MEETING, 7PM, ART ROOM |
| 9/25 | NEW BOSTON SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT |
| 9/26 | NBCS PTA FUN RUN |
| 9/26 | BAND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RENTAL NIGHT |
| 9/30 | PICTURE DAY |



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OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING

Absences

Please take the time to contact the school if your child will be absent.

You can email attendance to the office anytime at nbcs_attendance@sau19.org or by calling anytime on our main number, 487-2211, and go into "general mailbox". Please report absences to the school prior to 8.30am.

If the school is not contacted the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Please read the attached policy with what counts as an excused absence. If there are a total of 10 1/2 day (5 full day) absences in a year this counts as truancy. Absences will be reported to the State this school year.

https://www.nbcs.k12.nh.us/NB_docs/policies/JH_-_Attendance_Absenteesim_and_Truancy.pdf

Change of Plans

Please remember to send your child in with a NOTE if there is a change in plans for after school. The office can be hectic at the end of the day, so we ask that any changes be sent in by note with unexpected changes called into the office by 1:15 pm.

Text Updates

We continue to strive to deliver timely messages to parents, guardians and staff utilizing our SchoolMessenger service. In order to opt-in to text messaging, send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number 67587. Mobile numbers must be in our PowerSchool system for parents, guardians and staff to receive text messages.

We have moved information on our office procedures to our school website. If you need information on calling in absences, tardies, text updates, . Please go to the office page on the NBCS website here .

DESIGNATED VOLUNTEER / FINGERPRINTING FOR FIELD TRIPS

During the school year there may be opportunities for volunteering at the school. Any parent that is interested in volunteering to chaperone on their child's field trip if the opportunity arises will need to be background checked and fingerprinted. Please refer to our website to view procedures.

The Goffstown Police Department (GPD) has partnered with SAU 19 to provide a community service to support our school volunteers. GPD will now accept SAU 19 volunteers at the police station (located at 326 Mast Road) during the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please note you only have 30 days from the date you get fingerprinted to get all the forms to the state, so it is critical you return the forms to the SAU ASAP after the fingerprinting.

****Please ensure you leave plenty of time as this process can take anywhere between 2-6 weeks.****

PTA

- The NBCS PTA is proud to plan events and fundraisers to support students and teachers throughout the year: the Fun Run, bingo night, dodgeball, raffle baskets, teacher requests, scholarships, popcorn, and ice cream, to name a few. Stay tuned, popcorn and ice cream preorder details are coming soon. We're always looking for volunteers and future board members; please reach out with questions and join our PTA meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- **Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 18 @ 7 p.m.**
- The **Fun Run is Back!** The PTA is excited for a new Fun Run this school year. Fundraising begins Sept. 18 and ends with a run on Sept. 26, where students will run laps, complete an obstacle course, and end with a foamy finish! Although things will look a bit different from last year, we've ensured that this year 100% of donations will stay with the PTA for use within NBCS. Watch for parent letters coming home soon with all the details.

NEW BOSTON RECREATION

- **Registration for cheerleading (grade K-6) and basketball (grade K-8)** started on September 3. Please register by September 30 for grade 3-8 basketball as we will be setting up teams in October.
- **Playgroup (pre-k and younger)** is on Tuesday, 10-11am in White Building #2. The first session begins on September 17 and runs for 10 weeks. Session fee is \$20/family.
- **Tai Chi** is on Wednesday, 10-11am in White Building #2. Session date is September 18-October 23 for \$72.
- **Pickleball** (age 18+) is in the NBCS gym on Tuesday, 7:00-8:45pm. First session is October 1-December 17 for \$20. Drop-in fee is \$3.
- The Recreation Department is looking to hire another staff person for our **After School program**. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and available to work after school until 5pm. Get paid to play! Pay rates start at \$11.00/hour based on experience. Email Mike for more information: m.sindoni@newbostonnh.gov