September 7, 2021

Parents/Guardians /Students:

The staff at North and South Esk Regional High School is excited to welcome back all students. Please know that all staff care for our Cobra community and will do our best to educate and support students within the parameters that we have been provided.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Tuesday, September 7th – First Day of Classes – Grade 7 Students only

Wednesday, September 8th – All Students, Grades 7 – 12

**At NSER, all students (Grades 7 – 12) will be attending school every day.**

At NSER, the following changes have been put in place for the 2021-2022 school year:

**Masks**

* Community masks will be mandatory for all students and staff in the hallways and common areas.
* Students are not required to wear a mask in classrooms and while eating in the cafeteria.
* Two masks are required and it is recommended that students have several community masks with them to replace lost or soiled ones. Buffs and handkerchiefs are not acceptable forms of community masks. There will be disposable masks available if needed; however, our supply is limited and not meant to be distributed on a regular basis.
* Grades 6−12 students are required to wear a mask at all times while on the bus.
* If a student in Grades 6−12 does not have a mask upon boarding the bus, one will be provided. Parents are to provide clean masks for student use. Incidents of non-compliance may be reported to the school principal for follow up.

**Cafeteria**

* Water fountains will be closed and replaced with bottle –filling stations. Students will be required to bring a water bottle.
* Cafeteria services will be available starting Wednesday, Sept. 8. The menu has been posted on the NSER website and Facebook page.

**Electronic Devices**

* An electronic device is highly recommended for students in grades 9-12. While we anticipate many of you will be able to have your own personal device in September, we know that this is not possible for everyone and ASD-N will work with those students and families who do not have electronic devices during school start-up. Our first priority is getting our students back to school, and renewing our relationships with them. We do not want students or parents to panic - we understand that returning to school is a busy time, and we know there will be an adjustment period to get everything set up and running. Schools will use this time to work with students to ensure they have the devices needed.
* At this time there is no expectations for grade 7-8 students to supply their own laptop or personal device

**Supplies and Fees**

* School supplies such as pens, erasers, binders, notebooks, loose-leaf are still required for grade 9-12 students.
* Teachers will purchase school supplies for grade 7-8 students. All supplies will remain in class bubbles. Students in grades 7-8 will be required to pay a $30 school supply fee to cover this cost.
* There is a Student council fee of $50 for all grades. This Includes a student identification card and a lock for lockers.

**Student Data Collection**

* It is very important that we have updated Student Data Collection forms this year. They will be distributed to students the first week of school. Forms must be completed and returned to students homeroom teacher so that we can contact guardians in case of illness. Students exhibiting two symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and must be picked-up in a reasonable time frame**. Please plan for someone to be available to pick up your child in these instances**. If your child has condition that mimics one of these symptoms, but are non- contagious (seasonal allergies, asthma, etc.) please indicate this on the demographic form.
* Parents/guardians are responsible for screening their children for symptoms before getting on the bus.
* To prepare your child for return to school. Instruction in the following areas are recommended.

1. Hand washing /sanitizing procedures
2. Personal hygiene etiquette (sneezing into their elbow, “hands to yourself”. Physical distancing, etc)
3. Proper use and care of a community mask.

**Teachers will also be reinforcing these three items on a regular basis.**

**Accessing The School**

* Access to NSER by parents/guardians will be by appointment only. Dropping off items during the day is discouraged and should be by emergency only.
* In order to pick up your child throughout the day, parents will need to call the main office at 836-7000 from their vehicle or use the intercom at the front door to let the office know that they have arrived. Parents will not need to enter the building to sign out students.
* Students will not be permitted to use the main office phone. However, if a student needs to contact home, a staff member in the main office will call for them.

**Transportation**

* School busses will begin arriving at 7:45. Students will have an opportunity to attend breakfast program, retrieve items from their locker before going to class.
* Parents can drop students off at the main doors in front of the school as past practice.

However, at the end of the day students will be dismissed in the following order: bus students in grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, walkers and pickups. Parents picking up students at the end of the day, please do not enter school property until all busses have left.

The above information may change depending on the status of Covid19 restrictions. These temporary constraints may become more relaxed or become more stringent.

By working together, we can have a safe and productive year.

Take care.

NSER Staff.

**NSER Timetables**

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| **Middle School Timetable** | |
| 8:20 | First Bell |
| 8:25 | Math |
| 9:25 | Humanities |
| 10:25 | Break |
| 10:40 | Humanities |
| 11:10 | Science |
| 11:40 | Lunch |
| 12:22 | Second Language |
| 1:22 | Advisory |
| 1:45 | STEAM/Phys Ed |
| 2:45 | Dismissal |

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| **High School Timetable** | |
| 8:20 | First Bell |
| 8:25 | Period 1 |
| 9:27 | Period 2 |
| 10:27 | Break |
| 10:39 | Advisory |
| 11:00 | Period 3 |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:42 | Period 4 |
| 1:44 | Period 5 |
| 2:45 | Dismissal |

**Symptom Management**

1. **What are the symptoms?**

* Fever above 38 C
* New or worsening chronic cough
* Sore throat
* Runny nose
* Headache
* Difficulty breathing
* New onset of fatigue
* New onset of muscle pain
* Diarrhea
* Loss of taste
* Loss of smell
* Pneumonia
* Purple fingers and/or toes (present only in youth)

1. **If you have no symptoms?**

All New Brunswickers are expected to remain vigilant and self monitor for the symptoms regularly. This includes performing the required self screening procedure before presenting to work/school.

1. **If you have ONE symptom?**

If you have one symptom, you may call 811 for direction but it is not required. You do not have to stay home. You are expected to self monitor in case other symptoms develop. **UNLESS the only symptom is purple fingers or toes in a youth, then they must call 811.**

1. **If you have TWO symptoms?**

If you have two symptoms, you must isolate and go home as soon as possible if at work/school or stay home if symptoms are noticed before work/school. **You must call 811** and you must follow the direction of Public Health.

**Allergies: Learners or staff who have been identified as having seasonal allergies or who suffer from chronic runny nose/nasal congestion would not be considered suspect cases.**