



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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We Missed You!!

Welcome back! We are looking forward to having students back to school! We also understand and respect whichever choice your family has made for in-school or online learning.

There is no doubt that things will continue to evolve. This first newsletter will provide some basic information, available now, along with some insight into plans for school start up. Watch for more news in the coming weeks. Until then – stay safe, stay healthy, stay positive!

♥ Ms. Kostuch

WHERE ARE WE AT?!

So many questions, so many sources of information! Here's where we are in the planning process...



SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Over 40 Northumberland Hills PS students registered for online learning. This means that the number of classes in school decreases by one, from 13 classes to 12. We had to move one teaching position to the online school.

We have just received our revised school numbers and will work to complete school reorganization as quickly as possible. This means that some teachers are now teaching new grades / combinations. It also means that many students will be assigned to new classrooms. The information you were given at the end of June about your child's teacher for September is now out of date.

As soon as we have current classes organized, we will do our best to share the name of your child's teacher.

CLASSROOM SET UP

Many of you have been asking great questions about what classrooms and school will look like. For now, I can tell you that:

- each child will stay with their class
- hallways will have arrows that designate the direction for flow of traffic
- water fountains are closed but water bottle filling stations are open (please have your child bring a water bottle to school daily)
- classrooms will have minimal furniture
- students will keep backpacks and personal belongings in their desk area
- exchange of paper/items between home and school will be limited
- communication will be online through EDSBY rather than pouches or agenda
- PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS students bring to school (clothing; backpack; lunch kit; shoes; pencil case; school supplies etc.)

STAGGERED ENTRY

September 8th – 11th: Staff will prepare for the school and classrooms for safe school entry.

September 14th – 17th – Staggered entry, details to be announced*.

September 18th – All students attend school.

*Your child's staggered start date will be communicated directly to you, closer to the date of entry.

MORE INFORMATION SOURCES

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board put updates on these web pages:

<http://kprdsb.ca/en/COVID-19.html>

<http://www.kprschools.ca/en/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.html>