



Natoaganeg School

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Attendance Policy

School attendance is taken at 8:30 a.m. Your child is late at 8:31 a.m. Breakfast is served from 8:05 – 8:25 am. Walkers should arrive as close to 8:05 am as possible (especially if they are eating breakfast).

All students arriving after 8:31 am are considered late and **parents must sign them in at the office before going to class.**

All students being dropped off after 8:31 am must arrive through the main doors of the building.

Parents must park in the school parking lot and walk your child into school and sign the late form.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back all students, families and staff. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer holiday.

Included with this newsletter are registration forms, they should be filled out in full and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is very important that the school has the most up to date information for students. Phone numbers and address changes must be reported to school administration as it is imperative that staff have reliable information so they can communicate with parents/guardians.

The school bus will be making its morning run starting at 8am, dropping students off at the school at approximately 8:15 am. Any student in K4- Grade 2 using the school bus must be accompanied by an adult at the designated bus stops when the bus is picking them up **and** dropping them off at the stops. Our bus driver is on a schedule and if the student is not outside waiting he will continue to the next bus stop, tardiness will cause a disruption with the schedule.

If a student is getting dropped off at an alternate stop, a parent or guardian must notify school administration and the student will receive a bus note with drop off instructions for the bus driver.

Natoaganeg School follows the Anglophone School District policies on bus transportation, below are some guidelines and frequently asked questions regarding the policy.

What should my child know about school bus safety?

The Department of Education has prepared a school bus safety presentation and safety guidelines which can be viewed at <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/transport-e.asp>.

Please encourage your child:

- to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
- to wait patiently at the bus stop and not engage in horseplay.
- to be careful getting on and off the bus.
- to sit quietly and keep their hands to themselves while on the bus.
- always obey the instructions of their school bus driver.

Is there anything that parents should be particularly aware of?

There must be a parent/guardian waiting at the bus stop for grades K-2 students. If there is not someone available, the student will be returned to their school and parents/guardians contacted for pickup of their child.

I have an infant at home; can I have a closer bus stop?

No, your child's transportation is governed by the same policies as other families who do not have infants at home. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get your child to and from the bus stop in both the morning and afternoon.

If my child is in Grade K, 1, or 2, should I be at the bus stop to meet him?

For your child's safety and your peace of mind, someone should be at the stop to meet any student who is in grades K-2. The driver cannot wait at the stop to watch all the students walk to their homes. Also, very young students may get lost or distracted on the way home. Please have someone there who will make sure your child gets home safely. Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure your child is safe to and from the bus stop.

More information about transportation standards, guidelines, and safety can also be found on the [Provincial Pupil Transportation website](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/transportation.htm).

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Our Teaching Staff :

Principal Helen Bernard - Ward

K4 Alisha Sweezey, EA Mary Dale Haddad

K5 Bev O'Leary, EA Hayley Sark

Grade 1/2 Kara Cooper, EA Karen Francis

Grade 3/4 Emily Case, EA Sarah Cooper

Grade 4/5 Hannah Williston, EA Jackie White

Grade 6 Serena Harris, EA Ev Gray

Grade 7/8 Joe Canistro, EA Christina Sullivan

Mi'kmaq Culture Mary Ginnish, Natalie Larry

Phys. Ed & Health Jessica Dunnett

Math Mentor Hillary Manuel

Literacy Lead/Read 180 Jenny Sonier

PATHS Co-ordinator Terri Anne Larry

Resiliency Program John Fletcher

Special Education Co-ordinator Gail Francis

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8:05 - 8:25am - Breakfast

8:30am - Classes Begin

10:10 - 10:25am Recess

10:30- 11:00am SWI

12:00pm -12:45pm - Lunch

12:45 - 2:40pm - Regular Classes

K4 students are dismissed at **2pm**

K5 students are dismissed at **2pm.**

Grade 1-8 are dismissed at **2:40 pm.**

The last Friday of each month is early dismissal @ 11:45am for all students.

Code of Conduct

- **Arrive on time and be prepared to learn.**
- **Be polite to children and adults**
- **Work hard to be successful**
- **Respect our environment**

The Code of Conduct has shown improved student behaviour last school year and we are aspiring for our students to continue demonstrating their ability to show good character. This document will bring current school behaviours, policies and practices together with Policy 703 NB Student Code of Conduct. There is an increased emphasis on intervention, training, and consequences that are planned to help students learn how to behave rather than just punishment. There might be times when behaviour warrants detention or suspension. The school staff has practice this philosophy and we have seen great success in the past school years. The emphasis is to create a culture of acceptable behaviour within the school. Students will be trained how to behave in a variety of situations including playground, lunch, hallways classroom and when a supply teacher is present. We believe that all students are capable of behaving well, so it is our job to equip them with the necessary skills to do so.

Goody Cart:

A reminder that we will be selling healthy items in the goody cart once again this year. Also there is no borrowing. Goody Cart prices are \$1 for a food item and \$0.50 for a chocolate milk. The Home and School Association will be selling bags of popcorn on Fridays for \$1.

At Natoaganeg School we live by the **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Spirits**



philosophy and we do our best to impart this message to the students. One way we do this is by providing the children with a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch each

day.

Children should come prepared with a healthy snack that is **low in sugar and sodium**. Some examples of an appropriate snack are: applesauce, fruits, veggies, cereal bar, granola,

PATHS IN OUR SCHOOL

Parents...have you ever heard of the PATHS program? PATHS stands for **Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies**, and is an award winning program aimed at helping schools teach social-emotional skills throughout the day; skills that will help children at any age; such as friendship skills, how to deal with strong emotions, and make good decisions. Research studies clearly show the benefits that this type of learning has on children's academic performance, ability to succeed with goals and get along with others. Our school is excited to be teaching PATHS in our school this year, starting with kindergarten, grade one and two. Throughout the year, we will be sharing with you aspects of the program that your children are learning through PATHS in the classroom.

Grade 3 - 8 Soccer

practice will be held every Thursday from 2:40 to 3:40 pm



CROSS COUNTRY

Practice every Wednesday from 2:40 to 3:15 pm



SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Have your child return this ballot to the ballot box located at the school office by Friday September 22, 2017. At the end of the month a draw will be made for a gift certificate from all the ballots that are returned.

Parents Signature

Childs name

Class