

North Providence School Department

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Message from the Superintendent, Joseph B. Goho

Welcome to the North Providence School Department's 2020-2021 school year! Administrators and teachers have been busy during the summer months preparing for the opening of school. With the support of the members of our School Committee our district will open with expanded programs, additional resources, and exciting new initiatives! Here are some highlights from each of our schools;

North Providence High School is excited to welcome back all students and faculty. We have added a few new members to the NPHS faculty and staff this year. If you did not have an opportunity to read the NPHS smore newsletter you can find information at <https://www.smores.com/9r7ha>.

PTECH Program will have the first graduating class in 2021! The PTECH program will also have (74) students taking college classes at CCRI remotely in the Fall of 2020, host NPHS's first ever EMT course for seniors and host a CNA course for (30) juniors. This summer, CNA students completed their clinical rotations, preparing for the CNA State Exam this month, and (80) students took college classes working towards their Associate Degree in Health Science. The Marine Trades, Pre-Engineering, and Computer Science Pathways are successfully being implemented, providing many opportunities for our students. We are also implementing new Gateway Courses through Project Lead the Way, exposing students to Career and Technical Education. Those courses include: Birchwood-Computer Science for Innovators & Makers, Design & Modeling, and Medical Detectives and Ricci-Automation & Robotics, Computer Science for Innovators & Makers, Design & Modeling, Energy & Environment, and Medical Detectives. Both schools are also implementing PRE-AP ALG I for 8th grade students.



September 14 First Day of School for students whose last name ends in the letters
A-K

September 15 First Day of School for students whose last name ends in the letters
L-Z

Schedule for the first week of school:

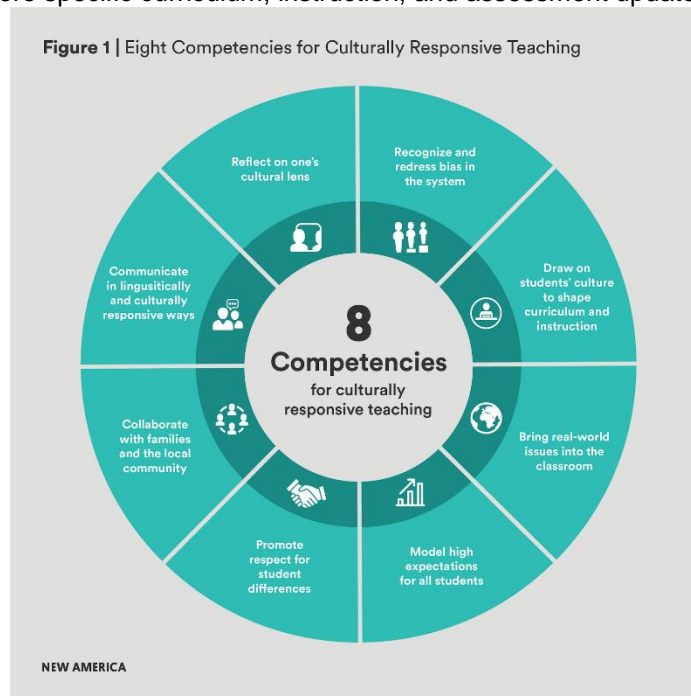
Sept. 14 A-K
Sept. 15 L-Z
Sept. 16 A-K
Sept. 17 L-Z
Sept. 18 A-K
Sept. 21 All students

***Please note: Students from the same household that have different last names may attend on the same day.**

Message from the Assistant Superintendent:

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We are very excited about welcoming all of our students, families, administrators, teachers, and staff back for the 2020-2021 school year in North Providence! As we transition back into school we will be focusing on our goals of strengthening our [Distance/Blended/Personalized](#) learning instruction, [social-emotional supports](#) for students, families, and staff, [equity](#), and [culturally responsive teaching strategies](#). All of our district goals will best support the individual needs of our students as we prepare them for College and Career Readiness. Stay tuned for more specific curriculum, instruction, and assessment updates throughout the year. Our first district professional development day will address these goals including Bradley Hospital working with our Elementary teachers on “COVID-19’s Impact on Youth Mental Health,” and the Equity Institute will be offering professional learning related to Culturally Responsive Teaching Online and Equity for the Middle Schools and High School. These professional learning opportunities will continue all year through our statewide professional learning days. We are also working collaboratively as school-based teams to [prioritize content standards](#) across the curriculum. Our goal is to be sure we reduce any learning gaps from last spring and move forward to effectively impact student achievement. Please review our [Distance Learning \(DL\) Newsletter](#) for families opting into DL this year. Stay tuned for more specific curriculum, instruction, and assessment updates throughout the year.



In addition, here is a [link to a Family Newsletter](#) to support your child/children’s understanding of social distancing, mask-wearing, hand washing, and how to submit your child’s wellness screen daily through Skyward. **Per RIDOH guidelines, we (parents/guardians for students and staff) will all be expected to self-screen and complete a wellness check form each day.** Through our Skyward portal, there is a convenient way to complete this form and submit the information each day. Based on the parent/guardian (student) and staff responses, they will be advised to enter school or remain home. Please contact your child’s teacher or principal if you have any questions. Be well.

Louise K. Seitsinger, Assistant Superintenden

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School Hours:

High School
7:35 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Middle Schools
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Elementary Schools
8:55 a.m. – 3:12 p.m.



Bus Transportation Information:

All students eligible to receive bus transportation will receive a letter in the mail. This letter will have your child's bus stop and bus number. The letter will also include information about signing up for the **Bus Tracking App and mask and daily wellness screening requirements**. If you notice an error in your child's busing information, please inform the **Central Office Transportation Department @ 233-1100 ext. 11114** or your **child's school secretary** so we can update the system with correct information. **All bus stop information will also be available on our district's website @ nprovschools.org by September 4th.**

Durham School Services
Telephone: 401-751-0534
Kerri English, North Providence Coordinator
www.durhamschoolservices.com

Lunch Applications:



School Breakfast & Lunch Information

Welcome Back Students of North Providence
Both Breakfast & Lunch will be available daily at all schools.

To see your school Menu please visit:
<http://nprovschools.org/index.php/monthly-lunch-menus/>
To see your school Menu Nutritional information please visit:
<https://npsd.nutrislice.com>

A new Meal Benefit Application is required annually. One per household
Please visit link below to find SY 20/21 Annual Meal Benefit Application
<http://nprovschools.org/index.php/lunch-applications/>

Please note that due to Covid19 and safe practices we encourage parents and students to use a cashless system and create an account on:

www.Myschoolbucks.com

**Any questions please reach out to:
Donna Humphries
Director of Dining Service
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401-233-1100 Ext.13463**



Most schools have back to school events before or at the start of the school year. Please check with your child's school for more details. To date the following events are scheduled:



NORTH PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Webinar for students and families creating a choice board to access a virtual Orientation - September 11

CENTREDALE ELEMENTARY

Virtual Open House - September 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY

Virtual Open House - September 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

MCGUIRE ELEMENTARY

Parent Virtual Orientation - September 10 @ 6 p.m.
Classrooms Virtual Open House - September 28, 29, 30 @ 6 p.m.

STEPHEN OLNEY ELEMENTARY

Virtual Open House – September 10 @ 6 p.m. Gr. K-3 and 7 p.m. Gr. 3-5

WHELAN ELEMENTARY

Virtual Back to School Orientation - September 10 @ 6 p.m.

BIRCHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade and new students Virtual Orientation - September 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

RICCI MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade and new students Virtual Orientation - September 10 @ 5 p.m.

***Parents and students from all schools will receive a ZOOM link through skyward**

THE NORTH PROVIDENCE SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our Local Advisory Committee is dedicated to supporting families of children with special needs. The mission includes improving communication across stakeholders, advocating for partnerships, informing the community through the North Providence School Committee, and ultimately encouraging a greater understanding of special education. The NPSELAC leadership team is currently seeking a new Committee Chair for the upcoming school year. We will be sending out a brochure to all families including the dates and times for upcoming meetings. Stay tuned! If you are interested in the Committee Chair position or would like additional information, please contact Cynthia VanAvery, Director of Special Education specialdirector@npsd.k12.ri.us



Parents have access to their child's grades via the district's student information system. The grade book portal for elementary students will open at the start of school. Parents will receive more information at the school's open house.



Follow on Twitter!

You can follow Superintendent Goho @joegoho and Assistant Superintendent Seitsinger @npsasupt as they visit schools and attend activities throughout the district

North Providence School Committee

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The School Committee typically meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the North Providence High School Library. Recently due to Covid-19 restrictions, the committee has been conducting meetings virtually. You can check the district's website for a zoom link if you would like to attend. The website also has a complete list of meeting dates. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020 and will be held virtually.