



**Our best. Your best.**

Below is your Monday update for the week of September 8, 2020.

### **Student Well-being Screener**

As you know, the Michigan Return to School Roadmap requires school districts to do many things as part of our preparedness plans. One of those requirements is that the district administer a well-being health screener to all of our students (DK-12). Our Mental Health team has been busy creating, reviewing and testing multiple age-appropriate mental health screeners and they are ready to share the screeners with our staff, students and families.

Beginning the week of September 14, all DK-8 students will have a well-being 'course' loaded onto their Canvas dashboard. Teachers will introduce the course and provide time for students to complete the short screener. 9-12 students will use the Mavin application for their required screener, also beginning the week of September 14.

### **COVID-19 Dashboard**

Today we launched a [COVID-19 dashboard](#) on our website that informs our community of the number of confirmed cases and quarantine orders in our district. Privacy laws prevent us from sharing any more detailed information on a broad basis. However, if we have a positive case within our district, we will notify the families of impacted school buildings via letter (we will not be sending classroom-specific letters.) Additionally, if it is determined that a student or staff member has been a close contact of a COVID-positive person, the individual will be notified by the Kent County Health Department and ordered to quarantine. This notification will not come from the District.

### **Fall Sports**

This week the MHSAA issued revised guidance on fall sports following the Governor's Executive Order 176. In short, fall sports are back on, including football. This new guidance takes effect Tuesday, September 8. Tennis, Cross Country, Golf, Girls Swim & Dive, Girls Volleyball, Football, and Boys Soccer will all be able to practice and complete this fall. Athletic Director Pat Marsman and Crossroads Dean of Students Lindsey Grinwis are currently working on finalizing updated competition schedules for both our middle school and high school sports.

All athletics schedules can be found at: <https://northviewwildcats.com/>

The MHSAA's guidance includes spectator limitations: *2 spectators per participant for all sports (indoor and outdoor)*. It may not feel like a normal Friday night game with such limited viewing, but we're still excited. Due to the limited spectator participation, Northview has determined that we will not charge admission to any of our fall sporting events. Stay tuned for more information on fall athletics. Go Cats!

### **Fitness Center and Aquatic Center**

Executive Order 176 also lifted some restrictions on the use of indoor exercise facilities. Our facilities team is reviewing the Executive Order in conjunction with the Return to School Roadmap to determine the feasibility of opening of our fitness center, pool and other facilities. More on that soon.

### **Assessments**

Last month, the Michigan legislature and the Governor agreed to a 'Return to Learn' package of laws that supplemented the earlier Return to School Roadmap. Among many things, the Return to Learn package requires that all school districts administer benchmark assessments in math and reading for all K-8 students.

Northview will use the Renaissance Star portfolio of web-based assessments to gather baseline reading and math data for all of our K-8 students. This important data will help us guide instruction for students and track academic growth over the course of the school year. Teachers will be guiding students through these assessments beginning today, September 8.

### **Northview Virtual Update**

Linked [HERE](#) is the first edition of our Northview Virtual Newsletter that we intend to regularly share with you. These newsletters will contain information and updates that are unique to our Northview Virtual learners.

### **Food Service Update**

The USDA extended the federal waiver to allow school districts to continue to serve food under our summer guidelines until December 31, 2020. This means that all students (ages 18 and under) in our schools and community will receive school breakfast and lunch free of charge. This free meal program will run through the end of December 2020, or until available funding runs out. We strongly encourage all our students to take advantage and eat breakfast and lunch at school from our food service program. The waiver only applies to school meals, not ala carte or individual items such as drinks, snacks, and extra main dishes. While a milk or juice will be provided free as part of a school meal, additional items will continue to be available for purchase individually.

If you would like to take advantage of this new opportunity to receive free meals when your student(s) are not in the building, please click the appropriate link:

[100% Virtual Learner Meal Sign up](#)

[Red / White Cohort Grades 5-12 Meal Sign Up](#)

[Wednesday Learn from Home DK-4 Meal Sign Up](#)

If you have questions on how you can participate in the free meals, please contact any food service employee, call 616-361-3473 or email [jjager@nvps.net](mailto:jjager@nvps.net).

**Show Your Pride...Get Your Gear**

Final hours for the fall 2020 online spirit store! Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer with all the ordering details. All orders must be submitted by September 9.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent