



Bobcat News

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SCHOOL NEWS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP INFORMATION

At drop off and pick up our focus is having on having an efficient, timely process that is safe for our students and staff. Please refer to this [traffic pattern document](#) for parent drop off and pick up guidelines.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SIGN WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE PLACED ON YOUR DASHBOARD SO WE CAN UNLOAD AND LOAD YOUR CHILDREN MORE QUICKLY



A big thank you to the kindergarten and preschool parents who are placing their signs on their dashboard and making eye contact with the traffic duty. This is making it a lot easier for us to direct you towards the sidewalk!

- **For children who are exiting cars farthest from the sidewalk please have them walk between the rows of cars to the nearest crosswalk where traffic monitors are standing.**
- **Traffic guards will be signaling to you when it is safe to move your car.**
- **Students are organized in alphabetical order for pick up.**

Morning drop off is between 7:45-8:00 am. School begins promptly at 8:00 AM each morning. Teachers take attendance at or shortly after 8:00 am. If your child arrives after 8:00 am, please have him/her stop in the office for a tardy slip. This process is necessary so that we clearly know which children are present or absent each day and so we do not alarm you when we call to verify your child's absence.

SNACKS AND LUNCH

Please be sure to send your child with a healthy snack if you have not ordered breakfast online. Each class has a designated snack break during the day in addition to their lunch break. If you do not have money on your child's lunch account you are welcome to send a check to the office made payable to NBCS- Food Services or make a payment online [here](#). Please write your child's name and lunch ID on the envelope.

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Emergency Contact Form

If you have not already done so please check and sign the emergency contact form sent home with your child on the first day of school and return it to school.

Annual Back to School Forms

We are asking ALL families to complete our annual back to school student forms [online](#). This process helps to reduce the amount of paper forms that go home and provides quicker delivery of information to our staff for processing and updating your student's information.

The information asked for in these forms is important as it pertains to any health conditions, medications your child may need to receive at school if anything happens.

At this time we still have 95 students that have back to school forms outstanding.

A big THANK YOU to the parents and guardians of over 385 students that have already completed them!

To access these forms, log into the PowerSchool Portal at **sms.sau19.org**. Navigate to “Forms” in the left menu. We ask that one parent or guardian per student complete the required “Annual” forms listed as “Empty” to provide our schools with important student and health information, as well as provide the necessary acknowledgements and permissions for the new school year. Your completed forms will have the status of “Pending”, “Submitted” or “Approved” as staff review and process forms over the upcoming weeks. If possible, please try to upload PDF files instead of phone screen shots due to upload and storage restrictions. If you need additional assistance accessing your PowerSchool account or requesting a new account, please contact Debra.Vallee@sau19.org.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The next school board meeting for the 23/24 school year will be held on **Wednesday October 11th at 6.30pm in the school library**. All are welcome to attend!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Back to School Nights **(for adults only)** are scheduled as follows:

September 18th : 5:30-6:00 Kindergarten

6:05-6:35 Readiness & First Grade

6:40-7:10 Second Grade

September 19th: 6:00-6:30 Third Grade

6:35-7:05 Fourth Grade

September 21st : 6:00-6:30 Fifth Grade

Band Information Presentation for 6th Grade (Library)

6:35-7:05 Sixth Grade

Band Information Presentation for 5th Grade (Library)

LOST AND FOUND

Every year the school accumulates a large pile of lost and found items. We collect everything from water bottles, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, jackets and coats. This past year we had 5 large tables full of lost property with many of these items looking brand new. As we move towards more traditional fall weather where children may be taking their sweatshirts off for recess we would urge you to label your child’s belongings with their first initial and last name.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Absences

Please take the time to contact the school if your child will be absent.

You can email attendance to the office anytime at nbc_attendance@sau19.org or by calling anytime on our main number, 487-2211, and go into “general mailbox”. Please report absences to the school prior to 8.30am.

Change of Plans:

Please remember to **send your child in with a NOTE if there is a change in plans for after school**. The office can be hectic at the end of the day, so we ask that any changes be sent in by note with **unexpected changes called into the office by 1:15 pm**.



Please remember this year that there will be no bus change notes. Children can only ride their regular bus to their place of residence or regular daycare.

TEXT UPDATES

We continue to strive to deliver timely messages to parents, guardians and staff utilizing our SchoolMessenger service. In order to opt-in to text messaging, **send a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number 67587.** Mobile numbers must be in our PowerSchool system for parents, guardians and staff to receive text messages.

We have moved information on our office procedures to our school website. If you need information on calling in absences, tardies, text updates, COVID protocols and testing etc. Please go to the office page on the NBCS website [here](#).

DESIGNATED VOLUNTEER / FINGER PRINTING FOR FIELD TRIPS

During the school year there may be opportunities for volunteering at the school. Any parent that is interested in volunteering to chaperone on their child’s field trip if the opportunity arises will need to be back ground checked and finger printed. Please refer to our [website](#) to view procedures.

The Goffstown Police Department (GPD) has partnered with SAU 19 to provide a community service to support our school volunteers. GPD will now accept SAU 19 volunteers at the police station (located at 326 Mast Road) during the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please note you only have 30 days from the date you get fingerprinted to get all the forms to the state, so it is critical you return the forms to the SAU ASAP after the fingerprinting.

*****Please ensure you leave plenty of time as this process can take anywhere between 2-6 weeks.*****

PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in the NBCS library. You do not need to be a member to attend the meetings. We hope to see you there. Visit our website [here](#) to learn more about the PTA and all the anticipated events and fundraisers for the upcoming year.

It's that time of year to join the NBCS PTA! The PTA helps parents, students, school staff, and the community develop programs that benefit the entire school. Click [here](#) to sign up today, for \$10/single membership OR \$20/couple. NBCS staff membership is \$8.

The PTA is able to accomplish all that it does, thanks to our amazing volunteers who lend their support. By signing up to be a member of the PTA, we will be able to reach out to you with any volunteer opportunities that arise throughout the year.

The NBCS PTA is excited to announce that our Boosterthon Fun Run fundraiser is back! We will be kicking off the Fun Run program on September 18th.

Boosterthon is an event that not only helps raise funds for the school, it also teaches the students how to be a world changer by FINDING A NEED, WRITING A PLAN, RALLYING A TEAM, LAUNCHING IT NOW, and GRITTING IT OUT. The PTA uses the funds raised to support curriculum enrichment, teacher requests, Nature’s Classroom, Authors Week, Artist in Residence, and so much more! **REGISTRATION IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN.**

You can go to [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) today to create your free account and start getting donations! If your family is not in a position to donate this year, you can still support our school by sharing your fundraising link with family and friends.

- The Fun Run will take place, at the school, on Wednesday, September 27th.

Popcorn and Ice Cream will be back in October!

- For \$15, you don't have to worry about remembering \$ 0.50 on Wednesdays and your child can still enjoy our delicious, freshly made popcorn every week! \$15 buys your student popcorn for the entire school year, which is served during snack every Wednesday**.



- **New this year:** For \$25, you don't have to worry about remembering \$1.00 every week for your child to purchase ice cream on Fridays! \$25 buys your student ice cream for the entire school year, which is served every Friday** during lunch.

- **Popcorn and/or Ice Cream for the year can be purchased [here](#).**

** Due to circumstances that are completely out of the control of the NBCS PTA, popcorn & ice cream may not be available all weeks throughout the school year. No refunds will be given due to a child's absence, school closures, or volunteer restrictions.**

Please "LIKE" our [Facebook page](#) for ongoing updates and information or save our [website](#) as a favorite.

NEW BOSTON RECREATION

Registration for **cheerleading** (grade K-6) and **basketball** (grade K-8) are underway. Registration for grade 3-8 basketball ends on October 1 so please register by that date!

Paint Your Pet is September 27 (kids, age 9-17)) and September 28 (adults) at the Old Engine House at 6pm. Register online or go to our website for more information.

Safe Sitter (grades 6-8) is Saturday, October 28 from 9am-3pm in the White Buildings. Fee is \$110 and we are limited to 12 spots in the class.

Keep an eye out for upcoming **Halloween** information including Trunk or Treat and Scarecrow Alley! Trick or Treat in New Boston is October 31 from 6-8pm.

For more program/event information, go to www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHIPPLE FREE LIBRARY

Please see the attached flyer for September events at the library or go to the Whipple Free Library website [here](#) for children's events and for teen events click [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

09/18 Back to School Night K/R/1st
09/19 Back to School Night 3rd / 4th
09/20 PTA Meeting, 7pm
09/21 Back to School Night 5th / 6th
09/27 Boosterthon Fun Run
09/28 5th Grade Instrument Rental Night
10/09 NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
10/10 Picture Day
10/11 School Board Meeting, 6.30pm, School Library