

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Open House
Grades K-12
August 29
6:00-7:30 p.m.
7th Grade
Orientation
5:30 Tiger Arena**
- **October-May
Newsletters
will be online
only—unless you
request a paper
copy from high
school office**
- **Fall Sports
Rules Meeting
scheduled for
Monday, August 6
6:30 pm in Tiger
Arena for parents
& athletes
Football
(gr. 7-12),
Volleyball
(gr. 6-12) and
Cross Country
(gr. 7-12)**

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Back-to-School

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

From My Position, Gregg Parks.....

Welcome back students, staff, and parents to the start of another year full of hope and promise for Nevis Public School. I would also like to extend a welcome to our new families. We take pride in being a school of choice and look forward to challenging your child to reach his or her potential. I am excited to begin my 5th year working with the talented team of professionals we have here at Nevis Public School.

This year we welcome six new members to our Tiger Team. We are very excited about the long-term impact this group will have on our educational environment. I have already been impressed with the knowledge base and breadth of experience these new teammates collectively bring to our community. Good luck to all of our staff this year.

Our district participates in the National School Lunch Program which makes it possible for all school children in the United States to receive a nutritious lunch every day at school. Your child may qualify for free or reduced price school meals based upon your family's income. Did you know the number of families we have receiving free and reduced meals also affects our school funding and the classes of athletics and activities we participate? Both our state and federal government recognize additional support should go towards children who qualify for this program. As a result, we are able to hire staff specifically to improve our reading and mathematics proficiency. The Minnesota State High School League also uses a free and reduced headcount formula to determine placement in athletic and activity classes. For example, we are a nine-man football school because we are able to subtract a percentage of our free and reduced student count in grades 9-12. This formula allows us to remain competitive with other small schools. Traditionally, at Nevis, we have approximately 52 percent of our elementary families who are eligible for this program. However, when our students get into the high school, the number drops off dramatically to about 38 percent. Why the big drop? Historically, it can be traced to a variety of reasons but mainly it is because families do not fill out the form and return it. The program could save you on average \$500 per year for each child if they were eligible to eat breakfast and lunch each day on the free or reduced plan. The Free and Reduced Lunch Forms will be mailed to every household within the next couple of weeks, and will also be available on the school website under the 'parent' icon on the home page, and also at Open House on August 29.

Go Tigers!

New School Year Just Around the Corner— Brian Michaelson, Principal

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***“Homecoming is
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In the District Office:

Shop Glasses—\$4.00

Science Goggles—\$7.00

Calculators—\$10.00

Breakfast Gr. 1-12—\$1.25

Lunch PreK - 6—\$2.30

Lunch 7-12—\$2.55

& Free/Reduced

Lunch Forms

The countdown is on! I hope your summer to do list is almost complete as September will be here soon. What a fantastic summer it has been, with my family spending time outdoors fishing, boating and watching ball games. Our custodial staff worked countless hours this summer getting the building ready for the new school year. The building looks great, as well as the grounds, and will soon be ready for students to return and fill our hallways. Several large projects have taken place this summer; painting the high school lockers, phase one of the student/staff parking lot, and refinishing Tiger Arena floor and painting and carpeting classrooms.

We are in the second and final year of PBIS training and will continue with the program in the high school which reinforces the positive behaviors noticed in school and encourages students to practice positive behaviors throughout the day. We saw a significant improvement last year in student behavior. At the elementary level, we are seeing the rewards of implementing a successful Responsive Classroom design model for the students. Increased community involvement with our younger students has made a difference throughout the elementary. We plan on offering opportunities for family and community members to be involved again this year.

I want to introduce and welcome our new staff to the Tiger team this year. Ms. Kaylie Schell will be teaching 1st grade as Mrs. Amy Klimek is moving to 5th grade, with the retirement of Mr. Jack Schroeder. Ms. Kristina Benson was hired to teach 3rd grade as Mrs. Michelle Haldeman is moving to 5th grade after the retirement of Mr. Rick James. Ms. Aubrey O’Connell will be teaching 7th-9th grade social studies, and Mr. Larry Franck was hired after the retirement of Mr. Rusty Uscola, to teach high school science. Mrs. Emily Franck is our new high school special education teacher, while Mr. Ian Johnson and Mr. Michael Weerts will be teaching middle school and elementary special education. Welcome to the team new members!

Fall activities will be starting soon, please check the school website for important dates regarding fall activities and schedules. Finally, if you are not able to access your child’s school data online, please call or contact Lynne or Jill in the high school office (218-652-3500, option 1). Using Synergy, you will be able to see current grade book, attendance and discipline information. Enjoy the remainder of the summer, and get out and enjoy what Nevis offers.

Open House August 29 / First Day September 4

The Back-to-School Open House will be Wednesday, August 29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It is a great opportunity for elementary students to meet their teachers, sign up for parent/teacher conferences, and get bus schedules. High school students will have the opportunity to pick up their schedules, get their locker numbers and combinations, meet the teachers, get bus schedules, and see the location of classrooms. The District Office will also be open to allow for the purchase of milk tickets, pay for lunches, and purchase calculators, goggles for science classes and safety glasses for industrial tech classes.

7th grade students and their parents will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Tiger Arena for an orientation to high school where they will get an overview of the teachers and curriculum and get information about their transition to high school. Then, they will meet their mentors for the school year and tour the building.

On the first day of school, high school students will report directly to assigned classrooms for class meetings. Class meeting rooms will be posted on the trophy case in the high school hall. Elementary students should report to their classroom teacher.

Fall Sports Practices Begin—Rules Meeting

The Fall Sports Rules Meeting will be held Monday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Tiger Arena for all athletes and their parents. All paperwork **MUST** be complete prior to an athlete participating in practice and a current sports physical **MUST** be on file. Forms and season schedules are available in the high school office.

The 9-12 football team and all volleyball teams begin practice on Monday, August 13. The junior high football (gr. 7-8) team will begin practice August 20. Cross country practice schedule will be announced at the Fall Sports Rules Meeting. Fall sports pictures are scheduled to be taken Wednesday, August 22.

The varsity football and volleyball teams begin their seasons before the start of school. The JH/9th/JV/Varsity volleyball teams host Menahga Thursday, August 23rd with the 7th grade and 9th grade games starting at 5:00. The first game of the season for the varsity football team is Friday, August 31 when they host Kittson County Central. Kick-off is 7:00 p.m.

Preschool Classes Start September 10 & 11

Nevis Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten classes for four-year-olds will start on September 10 for students registered in the Monday/Wednesday class and September 11 for the Tuesday/Thursday class and be in session from 8:30 a.m.—3:16 p.m.

The School Readiness 3-year-old class that meets on Monday/Wednesday will also start on September 10 and the Tuesday/Thursday class will start September 11 in session from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Openings are available in the School Readiness and Pre-Kindergarten classes. If you are interested in registering your child, please call the school office at (218) 652-3500, press option 1 to reach Lynne.

For those families who have registered children for preschool – we would like to meet with you and your child one-on-one Tuesday, September 4 or Wednesday, September 5, by appointment, from noon until 6:00 p.m. Call Lynne at 218-652-3500, option 1 to set up an appointment. This will be a time for you to get answers to specific questions you may have, fill out last minute paperwork, bring supplies, and let the teachers know of any special requirements for your child.

Preschool Information (continued)

State law mandates that prior to entering kindergarten all children must be preschool screened. Preschool screening dates have been set for September 21, October 17 and January 22. To set up an appointment to have your child screened, call 218-652-3500, option 2 to reach Linda.

Nevis Early Childhood Family Education will be held on Friday mornings beginning September 15. If you are interested in registering for these classes, please call the school office at (218) 652-3500 to have our ECFE brochure and registration form mailed to you, or you can access this information on the school website at www.nevis.k12.mn.us under the 'early childhood' tab.

— Abbie Henry, Early Childhood Coordinator

Immunization Updates Needed Prior to First Day

Once again we are looking forward to having a safe and successful school year. If you need the school health service to give your child medication during school hours, this protocol must be followed: A consent form for administration of medication during the day must be signed by parent **and** doctor. Medication will not be accepted unless in a **properly labeled container** and brought in by a parent. (Medication will not be given if brought in by the student.) Also, if your child received medication last year and it needs to be restarted, the school will need a new doctor's order and parent's signature. **This protocol also applies to over-the-counter medication.**

Very important! Check your child's immunization record. Make sure your child does not need a booster. As of last May, there were quite a few incoming 7th graders and pre-K students that needed boosters before entering school. **If the school does not have record of this, state law requires students to be sent home the first day of school and they will not be allowed back until their shots are up-to-date.** The law is very strict about this, and it is mandatory the school complies.

Also, if your child has any health issues we need to know about, please let us know. Our goal is for your child to have a safe, healthy, and successful year. Any health information, both written and verbal, is appreciated so that the school can better help your child have a great year. You will also have an opportunity at the Open House on Wednesday, August 29 to update your child's health information. It **must** be updated on a yearly basis. If you are unable to attend the Open House, the form will be mailed to you. Please return it the first week of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.

— Renee Becker, RN

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Book Club — All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join Book Club with Mrs. Carrier. We will read six books throughout the school year starting in October/November. Students will have approximately one month to read the book, and then we will have a book discussion during lunch and GST/band/choir. Lunch will be provided. This is the third year book club will be offered, and last year there were over 30 students who participated. One student from last year stated, "I can't stop reading the books," while another declared, "I love to read, but Book Club also opens my eyes to different types of books. It puts me out of my reading comfort zone. I never would read these books if I didn't have the motivation to, and book club is that motivation." Every year we read new books. If you are a fellow reading enthusiast or someone who would like to foster the love of reading for our young students through the purchase of books or provide lunch, please contact Mrs. Carrier at 652-3500 or kcarrier@nevis308.org

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know...

Bus Passes — Parents are reminded that students cannot ride a bus other than the one they are assigned without a parent note. Students are also not allowed off their assigned bus at someone else's house without a bus pass.

If you need to get a message to the driver of your child's bus, these are important numbers to remember:

<i>Bus Garage, 4:45 pm – 6:30 am</i>	218-652-3526, leave a message
<i>Nevis School, 6:30-8:00 am</i>	218-652-3500, option 1 twice (Lynne Gustafson)
<i>Nevis School, 3:16-4:30 pm</i>	218-652-3500, option 2 (Linda Hanson)

Bus pass requests from either the high school or elementary offices will not be processed after 2:00 p.m. Emergency situations happen and will be handled as they arise. All phone calls to the elementary office received after 3:00 will automatically go to voice mail due to office staff being outside with the buses and therefore will not be processed. Transportation of the students at Nevis School is taken very seriously by all involved and every effort is made to ensure there are no mixups—so, PLEASE help us help you make sure all goes smoothly!

Calculators — Scientific calculators with fraction capability are required for students in math classes in grades 7-12. They are available for sale in the district office for \$10.00.

Computer Privileges — Students in grades K-5 have access to iPads, grades 6-9 Chromebooks, and grades 10-12 will be issued a Microsoft Surface RT upon completion of the Tablet Use Agreement and receipt of the required deposit.

Distribution of tablets for students in grades 10-12 will take place at the Open House on August 29. Payment of the annual non-refundable insurance fee (\$30 per student / \$90 per family) can be made in the District Office any day prior to Open House or in the cafeteria/small gym area the night of Open House. In either case, you then take your 'payment coupon' to the library during Open House and receive your tablet. All 10-12 grade students will get their same tablet back from last year. The next distribution will take place on the first day of school for students who have paid their insurance.

Students in grades 5-9 will not be allowed to take Chromebooks or iPads home and will not be required to pay the \$30 insurance fee.

All student computer passwords are set to the student ID numbers plus initials. Passwords are NOT to be shared.

For problems or questions regarding the computers, students should contact Bud Kading, computer technician.

Emergency Forms — Emergency forms will be distributed during the Open House. If you are unable to attend the Open House, they will be mailed to you. These forms need to be returned to the high school or elementary office the first week of school.

Each year we ask that you complete/update the Emergency Form for your child. Please take special care to check phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contacts. The names and numbers of emergency contacts should be someone other than you, the parent. These are the last people called in case of emergency when you, the parents, cannot be reached.

More Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Fitness Center — Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to use the Fitness Center after school Monday-Thursday from 3:30-5:00, free of charge. The students must have all current paperwork on file. There will be a staff member in the Fitness Center during this time.

Homecoming — Homecoming is scheduled for the week of September 24-28. Activities for the week are still in the planning stages. Once school starts and details become available, they will be posted in the Bulletin on the school website.

Internet (Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook) — These apps are very popular with our students. They are used by students for communicating with friends, posting pictures, and expressing themselves. However, they can cause some concerns for parents and the school. Parents, please watch your child as many children put private information like their full name, date of birth, and place of birth on their website. They also put several pictures on the website. This can cause problems for the school as students are shown in compromising situations. This can result in school discipline. With the availability of school tablets to our students, it is vitally important to know what your child is doing on the internet, where they have been, who they are talking to, and what they have posted.

Instant Alert — Nevis School will once again be using an instant alert system (School Messenger) to notify parents of unverified student absences, bus delays, school closings/delays and past due accounts – including lunch balances. If you have questions or concerns, contact the high school office at 218-652-3500, option 1.

Locks — We are again issuing locks to each athlete and physical education student. Lockers will be assigned as well. Upon completion of the season or class, the locks will be turned back in to the coach, activities director or teacher. If these locks are not returned, the student will be charged a \$5.00 fee. This will ensure that from the very first day of practice or class, athletes and students will have locks and lockers to secure their belongings.

Meals — Student lunch codes will be given to students the first day of school. Deposits into student lunch accounts may be made at the district office or online through PayFort. The cost for PreK-6th grade lunch is \$2.30 and 7th-12th grade lunch cost is \$2.55. The cost for breakfast is \$1.25 per day for students in grades 1-12—breakfast is free to all school readiness, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students. Milk tickets can be purchased for \$.25 each. Free/reduced lunch forms will be mailed to every family by mid-August.

An ala carte line will again be in place this year for students in grades 6-12 which will serve food on a cash basis only. Students will be able to purchase food with at least two different menu options for \$1.50 and other items as available. The fresh fruit and vegetable bar will also be offered in the lunch line on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to students in grades 6-12.

Online Grade Reports — The school uses Synergy to allow parents of students in grades 4-12 to log on to a secure website and check their child's grades, attendance, discipline, lunch balances, etc. The purpose of the program is to keep parents up-to-date with their child's progress.

In order to access this website, call the school at (218) 652-3500, press 1, to get a user name and password. If you have in past years accessed the ParentVue, the same username and password will be valid. If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the school.

The Last of the Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Paper copies of mid-quarter progress reports and quarterly report cards will be mailed to parents of students in grades 7-12 ONLY if requested. Paper copies of mid-quarter reports will be sent home with students in grades 4-6. Paper copies of quarterly report cards will be sent home with students in grades K-6. The final report card at the end of the school year will be mailed to parents of all students in grades K-12.

Parent-Teacher Conferences — Fall parent-teacher conferences for students Pre-K through Grade 12 will be held October 8 and 9 from 3:45-7:15 p.m. Spring parent-teacher conferences for students in grades Pre-K through Grade 12 will be held the end of third quarter, March 26 and March 28 from 3:45-7:15 p.m. Parents of Pre-K through Grade 6 students can schedule conference times during the Open House.

Parking (Vehicle) — The student vehicle parking lot is located at the west end of the building.

Picture Day — Tuesday, September 18 is picture day for students in grades PreK-12. Order forms will be sent home with students. Retake picture day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24.

The senior class picture and 13-year senior picture will be taken on Tuesday, September 18, as well, weather permitting. All seniors should plan to be in attendance that day.

Release Time — Elementary students in grades 1-6 again have the opportunity to participate in release time church programs for one hour every Wednesday, October through April. Additional information will be available at Open House. For questions, regarding the program, please contact the Elementary Office.

Senior News — It is never too early for seniors to start looking at post-secondary plans. Students can start applying now, depending on the college. Costs of college are always a big concern, it is important to start planning now as FAFSA (college financial aid) forms need to be completed as soon as possible—you can begin completing the forms as early as October 1.

Scholarship deadlines will be here before you know it. Students should watch the listing on the school webpage for deadlines and requirements for various scholarships. Some of the scholarships require a considerable amount of information and writing of essays so planning ahead is a good idea. If you want to do the best job you can, do not wait until the deadline.

Individual senior (head pose) and baby pictures for the yearbook are due to the yearbook advisor, Lynne Gustafson, by November 1. These photos can be sent electronically to lgustafson@nevis308.org or submitted as a hard copy. The individual senior photo for the wall composite (also a head pose) is needed by April 15 and MUST be a wallet-size hard copy printed by a professional or business (Walmart prints the proper size wallet); do not print them on your home computer as the photo will fade.

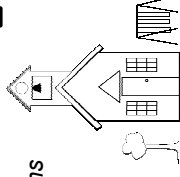
Student Release of Data — Occasionally the school has requests for student names and addresses. If you would like your child's name removed from the list, please contact the school. Please be mindful, this takes them off all lists requested by colleges, churches, and the military.

Nevis School

September 2018

218-652-3500
Office Hours 8 am—4 pm
www.nevis.k12.mn.us

Monday, August 6th ~ Fall Sports Rules Meeting for parents & athletes, 6:30 p.m. Tiger Arena
Monday, August 13th ~ Practice Begins for Gr. 6-12 Volleyball 9-12 Football, & 7-12 Cross Country Teams
Tuesday, August 14th ~ Gr. 4-6 Tackle Football Parent Meeting / Equipment Hand Out
6:00 pm, School Cafeteria
Monday, August 20th ~ Practice Begins for JH Football
Tuesday, August 22nd ~ Beginning Band Meeting (5th Grade) 6:00, Fall Sports Pictures
Thursday, August 23rd ~ JH/9th/JV/V Volleyball vs Menahga, 5:00



Back-to-School Open House Grades K-12

Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 pm
7th Grade Meeting 5:30-6:00 pm in Tiger Arena

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Bus Route Information will be available at Open House</p>	<p>August 27 Teacher In-Service School Board Meeting 7:00</p>	<p>28 Teacher In-Service</p>	<p>29 Teacher In-Service Open House, Gr. K-12, 6-7:30 7th Grade 5:30-6:00 in Tiger Arena</p>	<p>30 Teacher In-Service 9J/V/V VB AT Park Rapids, 4:30</p>	<p>31 V FB vs Kittson County, 7:00</p>	<p>September 1 CE Flag Football, Gr. K-3, 10-11:30</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>4 Grades K-12 First Day PreK Open House by Appt.</p>	<p>5 PreK Open House by Appt CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>6 JH/9J/V/V VB AT Pine River-Backus, 5:00 JH FB HOME Rothsay, 5:00, tentative game</p>	<p>7 V FB AT Win-E-Mac, 7:00</p>	<p>8 V VB AT Becker Tourney Muskie FB AWAY Vermdale Scrimmage, 10:00 CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30 CE Flag Football, Gr. K-3, 10-11:30</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 M/W Preschool First Day JH FB Northome/Kellner, Site TBD, 5:00 CE Pickleball 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>11 T/TH Preschool First Day JH/9J/V/V VB HOME Wadena/Deer Creek, 5:00</p>	<p>12 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>13 JH/9J/V/V VB vs Cass Lake/Bena, 5:00 JH FB AT Win-E-Mac, 5:00</p>	<p>14 V FB vs Laporte, 7:00</p>	<p>15 JH VB AT Laporte Tourney CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30 CE Flag Football, Gr. K-3, 10-11:30</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 JV FB vs Bertha/Hewitt, 5:00 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>18 School Picture Day, PreK-12 9J/V/V VB vs Vermdale, 5:00 JH VB AT Vermdale, 5:00 CC AT Bagley Invite, 4:00</p>	<p>19 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>20 9J/V/V VB vs Blackduck, 5:00 JH FB AT Vermdale, 4:30</p>	<p>21 V FB AT Northern Freeze, 7:00</p>	<p>22 V VB AT Duluth East Tourney CC AT Milica Mega Meet CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30 CE Flag Football, Gr. K-3, 10-11:30</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Coronation JH VB vs Park Rapids, 4:30 JV FB vs Vermdale, 5:00 School Board Meeting, 7:00 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>25 Pepefest JH/J/V/V VB vs Laporte, 6:00 JH FB AT Bertha, 4:30</p>	<p>26 Activity Day CE Pickleball 6:30-8:30</p>	<p>27 JH/9J/V/V VB AT W-H-A, 5:00</p>	<p>28 Preschool Screening V FB vs Clearbrook/Gonwick, 7:00 Homecoming Dances~ JH 6 ~ 7:30 HS 9 ~ 11:30</p>	<p>29 CE Pickleball, 6:30-10:30 CE Flag Football, Gr. K-3, 10-11:30 CE Stenciled Sign-The Right Way, 10:00-1:00</p>
HOME COMING WEEK - September 24-28						