Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

I hope this email finds you and your family well! Whether you are a NS veteran or a rookie, I hope you’ve had the opportunity to relax and enjoy all that this season has to offer. This is the first of a weekly email (usually) to update you on happenings at North Salem. In addition to this, you can find information on our district/school app, school webpage (www.sau57.org/northsalem) and on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/northsalemschool)

This WILL take some time to read - possibly all of 5 whole minutes! Please do so as there’s a great deal of information in this email.

- We are one week away from our Teacher Meet & Greet, Back to School Cookout. Please see our website for more detailed information and what different grade levels are contributing. Classroom visits, food, seeing old friends and welcoming new, and entertainment – what a great way to kick-off the new school year.
- BTS Cookout Bonuses – Sign up to support our PTA by becoming a member. See the HANDOUTS section of our web page to print up a form, fill it out, and bring it, OR sign up at the cookout. You’ll be entered into a raffle to win a coveted reserved parking space at PTA events. If you do, your child will get a special PANTHER gift to wear with pride. Panther Spirit Wear will be on sale that night. Tees for $10 and other items.
- GOOD NEWS! Due to popularity and in the interest of preserving our grounds, you may park at the Triumphant Church where a shuttle bus will take you to and from this event at NO CHARGE! Just one of the ways your PTA membership helps support our entire school community. The bus will start from the church at 5:00 PM and shuttle through 8:00 PM.
- SCHOOL PARKING IN GENERAL – Please factor time to park and walk into your planning for arrival at the school at any time. You cannot park in the area between our two driveways anymore as it has become a drainage area for the new road. Please do NOT “create” your own parking spaces on top of ANY grass areas on school grounds. Help us preserve and improve our landscaping.
- BAND/STRINGS - It’s time to register your elementary student for band and strings lessons! Band is open to students entering 5th grade. Strings is open to students in grades 3-5. Register online and find more information at www.sau57.org/band-strings! Need more time to decide or want to try out instruments first? Go to the annual Instrument Rental Night and “Test Drive” on September 4th at the Performing Arts Center. More information on the website! www.sau57.org/band-strings
- BACKPACKS- We have received quite a few new backpacks to give away. If the cost of a new backpack poses a hardship for your family, I invite you to come to NS with your child to pick out one during the classroom visits next TUESDAY. A bin filled with them will be located outside Mrs. Bedigian’s office.
- STAFF CHANGES – The arrival of 11 new first graders this summer (5 last week!) brought about some reconsideration of our grade level configurations. As a result, Mrs. Ashley O’Neill has become our new first grade teacher, residing in room 6, and Ms. Molly Wienberg will be in Team 14 as a second grade teacher. Both are working hard (but very excitedly) to redesign their classrooms and ready for different grade levels.
- CLASS LISTS – Will be posted traditionally AND differently this year! Traditionally, they will be posted on our school windows on Thursday at 3:30. They will also be available at that time on our webpage at www.sau57.org/northsalem. Click on the Classrooms and Curriculum tab to see the listing.

Looking forward to a great start of this school year! I look forward to working with you to help make this year a successful one for your child(ren).

Janice