



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

August 2023



IMPORTANT DATES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST

- 1 - School Board meeting 7p, Admin Building
- 5 - Back to School Bash 10 - 12p
- 7 - Open House 5:30p - 7:00p Bring your supplies and meet your teacher and office staff
- 9 - BACK TO SCHOOL! Morning bell rings at 7:50am, tardy bell at 8:05am

PLANNING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Registration If you have not yet registered, please do so online or come to the office.

[How to register my child](#)

Office Hours before school begins are 7a - 3p Mon - Friday. During school, office hours are 7a - 4p daily.

Mr. Romer your PrinciPAL

Greetings to our new Shamrock families and welcome back to our returning families. We are excited about this new school year. You will notice some improvements around the building as well as new staff members. Enjoy the remaining days and we cannot wait to see you next week. If you have any questions or need to contact the school: NLES ph. 574-656-8123 and my email is rromer@jgsc.k12.in.us

OPEN HOUSE - Aug. 7

Come to school with your school supplies and meet your teacher August 7 from 5:30 -7:00 PM. The office ladies will be available to collect documents and lunch payments. State legislation has removed textbook fees to parents - **No Book Fees this year!**

1st DAY OF SCHOOL - Aug. 9

Please be patient with the first day of school as families take pictures on the lawn and other safe areas. Out of safety and protection of all, we require parents to release their child at the front door where they will then walk to the main gym. We will hold a short "Welcome" assembly and then escort students to their classrooms.

MORNING PROCEDURES:

- 7:40** - Students enter the foyer area.
- 7:45** - Breakfast is available.
- 7:45** - Students dismissed for class. The goal is to have students in the building by 8:00 AM.
- 8:05** Tardy bell, **parents must sign their child in at the office.**

HOMEROOM TEACHERS: Teachers have been assigned in Harmony and class lists will be posted at Open House on August 7, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Being at school on time and on a regular basis is one of the single greatest influences on a student's ability to succeed in school. **In the event that your child is sick, please contact the office 574-656-8123 prior to 8:30 AM to inform us of the reason for absence.** If your child is absent and no call is made, Schoolreach will be contacting the phone number listed in Harmony to make you aware.

The Department of Education is increasing accountability on school attendance. As a school, our goal is to decrease absenteeism with our overall percentage and individual students that had chronic absences last year. Mrs. Bogard and Mr. Romer will meet with students and parents who are considered "chronically absent" to work to support families and decrease absenteeism.

BUS TRANSPORTATION AND CHANGES

Be patient the first couple days with bus pick up and drop off times. Drivers will be contacting you by Monday evening on possible times. The routes are determined by the registration information in Harmony. We are requiring one location for drop off and pick up to streamline the process. If you didn't completely fill out the transportation form when registering, please call the office to advise us of your updates.

DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

- 2:40 Bus dismissal
- 2:43 Car-Rider dismissal

Pick up procedures: You may park in the north parking lot (best for older students) where students can walk to that location and meet you on the lawn. **If you are in line alongside the sidewalk, stay in your vehicle and your student will walk to you.** If you are parking, please walk to the lawn and meet your child. Please stay off the long sidewalk area where students line up and wait for you.

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [School supply list](#)
- [Elementary Student Handbook](#)
- [Breakfast Menu, August](#)
- [Lunch Menu, August](#)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB Registration began July 19, and ends August 2. Register on their website at [this link](#).

IF YOUR CHILD IS AN INCOMING kindergarten student, the office will need a copy of your child’s birth certificate, immunization record and 2 proofs of your address (proof of address can also be uploaded to harmony). A dental and physical exam are recommended but not required.

New Staff Members:

Please welcome our new staff members as they have been working diligently in preparation for an amazing start of the school year.

Kindergarten:	1st Grade:
Alexandria Hendee	Kelsey Buysse
4th Grade:	Applied Skills:
Hailey Diss	Kyle Reed
Nurse:	
Aimee Egger	

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast fees are \$1.30 and \$0.30 for reduced families. Lunch fees are \$2.10 and \$0.40 for reduced families. You may send in funds (check or cash) in an envelope with your child’s name and lunch fees. You may also use [My School Bucks](#) to add money to your child’s lunch account. Please note that this service does charge a small fee each time it is used.

FALL ATHLETICS @ NLES and UMS

- [Elementary/Urey Middle School Fall Sports](#)
- Urey MS Football Gr. 6 - currently practicing M, W, F 5-7p
- Urey MS C. Country Gr. 5 & 6 - currently practicing M, W, F 9-9:30a @ JGHS
- NLES Volleyball Gr. 6 - Aug 14 & 15 Tryouts 3-4:30p
- Sports Physicals are required to participate in practices. Transportation will be provided to UMS.
- [Printable Physical Form](#)

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Need to see the newsletter, want more information on school events, or just want to stay current with school information? Utilize the school link below. <http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/nles.html>

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! Saturday, August 5th from 10 - 12PM! School Supplies, snacks and more! The Bash is located at the empty parking lot east of Auto Value store (Illinois and Roosevelt St.)

- Local churches and community partners are currently collecting school supplies with the help of the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce
- 1st Source Bank of Walkerton **will have a treat** for all JG students, go visit the branch!
- Corner Cup Café is offering **50% on all kids meals** the day of the Bash!
- First Presbyterian Thrift Shop will be having a **sidewalk sale and *FREE* popcorn!**
- Walkerton Public Library will be at the Bash too!
- The Walkerton Miller’s Manor will be providing each student a **back to school snack** in each bag!
- Holy Scoops is gifting a ***FREE* ice cream cone** in each bag!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This summer’s reading challenge was to track 32 of the 96 reading and exploring goals from the SJ CPL Reading Club. You still have more time to complete these tasks and receive a free soda, popcorn and movie at Wonderland Cinema in Niles. The school will provide the transportation and depart at 9AM this Friday, Aug. 4. Meet at the front entrance at 8:30 to check in with the office. Our return time is around 12:30. Please drop off your tracking papers to the elementary office or library by Wednesday Aug. 2. Wear your blue Summer Reading Club shirt that you picked up at the library.

Randy Romer
Principal
North Liberty Elementary