SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

August 2026

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST

8 - Back to School Bash 10 - 12p (details below)

10- Open House 5:30p - 7:00p Bring your supplies and meet your teacher and office staff

12 - BACK TO SCHOOL! Morning bell rings at 7:45am, 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 Harmony Link

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

Mr. Romer your PrinciPAL

At NLES, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every child can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success, and we value the trust you place in us each day. If you have any questions or need to contact the school, 574-656-8123 and my email is rromer@jgsc.k12.in.us

OPEN HOUSE - Aug. 10

Come to school with your school supplies and meet your teacher August 10 from 5:30 -7:00 PM. The office ladies will be available to collect documents and lunch payments.

HOMEROOM TEACHERS: Students will be assigned to teachers and class lists posted at Open House. Homeroom assignments will be visible in Harmony by Friday, August 7 at 12PM.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB Registration is open to new families. Register on their website here. **Aug. 17 is the first start date for B&G Club**

ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! Saturday, August 8 from 10 - 12PM! Free School Supplies and more! The Bash is located at the Walkerton Town Building, across from the Dollar General.

1st DAY OF SCHOOL - August 12

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 their homeroom.

MORNING ARRIVAL 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 after 8:05.**

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 along the sidewalk on the right side of School Drive, stay in your vehicle and your student will walk to you.** If you are parking on the left side of School Drive, please walk to the lawn and meet your child. Please stay off the wide sidewalk area where students line up and wait for you.

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 at 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, a call will be made at the phone number listed in Harmony to make you aware.

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" in order to support families and decrease absenteeism.

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN, TEACH, LEAD AND SUCCEED

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. Sadly, we no longer have a stop at Jaworski's Market and are unable to replace it.

IF YOUR CHILD IS AN INCOMING KDG…

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.

SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICE DRILLS

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority. The first week and a half of school we explain, answer questions and implement emergency drills. We will practice a Fire Drill, Severe Weather (Tornado/Storm) Drill, Armed Intruder (Lockdown) Drill during the week of Aug. 17. These drills are conducted in a calm and age appropriate manner. Practicing these safety protocols is essential to ensure that everyone knows how to respond quickly and safely should an actual emergency occur.

New Staff Members and Teacher Transfers

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

1st Grade - Emma Meert replacing Mrs. Gurtner
1st Grade - Sandara Anderson transferring to replace Mrs. Strong
2nd Grade - Adehmar Ennis replacing Ms. Anderson
3rd Grade - Kirsten Horne added another 3rd grade classroom

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast fees are $1.45 and $0.35 for reduced families. Lunch fees are $2.25 and $0.45 for reduced families. Milk is 0.35 if bought separately. 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.

RECESS-BEFORE-LUNCH

We will be piloting a **recess-before-lunch** schedule for our students. This pilot is intended to help us evaluate whether students playing before eating leads to improved behavior, smoother transitions, and a more positive lunch experience. Walkerton Elementary School has implemented this schedule and seen success in the last 5 years. **Read this for more information about this initiative.**

FALL ATHLETICS @ NLES and UMS

6th Gr. Football is joining the NIYFL this year - Coach Blevins - mblevins@jgsc.k12.in.us
Cross Country coached by Heather Sherman - hsherman@jgsc.k12.in.us
Volleyball with Coach Messick - cmessick@jgsc.k12.in.us
Sports Physicals are required to participate in practices. Transportation will be provided to UMS.
Printable Physical Form

IMPORTANT LINKS:

School supply list
Elementary Student Handbook
Breakfast Menu, August **Lunch Menu, August**
NLES web page **Facebook Page**

CLOSING COMMENTS

I am honored to serve this wonderful school community and look forward to getting to know each of you. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and commitment to our students. Here's to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and success!
Shamrock Pride,
R. Romer

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