

August 2024

Dear Seniors students and families –

Happy August! We hope you're having a great summer so far. We are looking forward to seeing all of you when school begins. We're writing to help get you started thinking about coming back to school (there is a lot of summer left, don't worry!) and to let you know what to expect.

First: A new teacher: We are very excited to have Wendy Lane join us in Seniors this year. Wendy will be teaching Reading, Writing and Humanities. She joins us from having recently taught at Rockfish River Elementary School in Nelson County since 2017, but has over 25 years teaching diverse student populations subjects such as high school biology, 9th and 10th grade Language Arts, as well as developmental reading and math skills. Wendy, and her daughter Sadie who will be a Senior, are both excited to join the wonderful NBS family.

A shared space! Middle School will be joining Seniors in the Annex, just as it was when the Annex was originally opened in 2015. Seniors' homeroom will be in the Humanities Room. Most core classes for Seniors will remain in the Annex, but Science will be in the new Science space in the Trailer. We have done some sweaty work this summer to make this swap, and we're excited about our new spaces.

Back to School Night! Parents are invited to the Seniors' Homeroom on **Tuesday, August 27 either 4 - 5 pm or 6 - 7 pm** to meet teachers, see the room, and ask any questions about the school year. We'll have some information for you about the year ahead, as well as reminders about everything you need to get started. Feel free to bring any shared supplies that you have purchased at this time.

Our first day of school is Thursday, August 29. Labor Day is Monday, September 2, so we will ease into the year with a three day weekend! Students can bring their shared school supplies (list is below) to Back to School Night or to school those first couple of days.

A Reading Reminder: If you haven't started or you're still working on your Summer Reading ABC challenge, there's still lots of time to complete it. The directions from Move-up day are below.

Complete as many of the Summer Reading ABC challenges as you can over the summer, and color in each challenge as you complete it.

1. Before the end of the summer, write a journal entry on a blank sheet of paper that is *at least three paragraphs* long and answers the following questions:
 - a. What was your favorite book that you read this summer? Why did you like it?
 - b. What was your favorite ABC summer reading challenge? What did you enjoy about it?
 - c. What book did you read this summer that you would recommend to other students your age? Why do you think your peers might enjoy this book?
2. Bring your Summer Reading ABCs challenge sheet—and your journal entry written on a sheet of paper—to NBS on the first day of school in 2024-25 and give it to your new Language Arts teacher.

Fraction camp! If you would like some time to dust off the cobwebs and think about fractions before school starts, to begin your math year in a powerful place, come join Katrien for "Back-to-School Readiness" Camp on Fractions, August 19, 20, 21, and 23 (we'll be at the Food Pantry the 22nd). From 9 am - 12 pm each day, we'll play with fractions in many different ways to solidify and deepen our understanding. Cost is \$120 for the 4 days. Please email Katrien (KatrienV@nbsva.org) to reserve a spot.

With this letter, you will find a **supply list** for Seniors. Please let us know if you have any questions about anything on this list. If you have any questions about the year, please feel free to email us. **We look forward to a great year!**

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Seniors' Supply List - 2023 - 2024

Please obtain the following items before the start of school. We hope you will be able to take advantage of summer sales. Please feel free to reuse folders, notebooks, and supplies that are in good shape. They do not need to be new.

Personal Item for each student

****New this year**** - a **camp chair** labeled with student's name for the Annex porch, so everyone has a place to sit and relax (and they are easily moved around) - please let us know if you do not have one that can come to school and stay there, and we will begin looking for extras.

A **water bottle**, with your child's name written on it in permanent marker.

A **pencil case** (box or pouch), large enough to hold the following items.

pencils -- pack of 10 or 12, with extras at home

an eraser - the pink or white rectangular erasers work well

hand-held pencil sharpener - the simple small plastic ones with a cover to catch the shavings

fine tip dry erase markers (4 pack, all black or assorted is fine)

scissors - The small Fiskar style works well, but you can choose; nothing fancy or large is needed.

earphones/buds - Your child should have their own pair for use throughout the year.

highlighters - 1 each of yellow, pink, and green

black sharpies (optional) - 1 fine, 1 ultra-fine

clipboard - 12.5" X 9"

Lindsey and Melanie are setting-up a tea and hot chocolate station in the trailer so please bring your favorite **tea or hot chocolate to share. We are also searching for an electric tea kettle and small dorm fridge. If you have an extra one that you'd like to donate to our new science classroom, please email Lindsey. Thank you!!

Shared Item for the Classroom:

Please choose 2 items from the following list to donate to the classroom for general use: *bold-tipped dry-erase classroom markers, box of tissues, dish soap, kitchen sponges, extra #2 pencils, wide-ruled lined notebook paper, colored Sharpies (bold or fine line), pack of glue sticks, and colored pencils.*

For Use at Home:

An eraser, colored pencils, markers, a pencil sharpener, pencils, notebook paper

Subject Folders and Notebooks Needed:

Language Arts: a **composition notebook** (of any color or design), as well as a **YELLOW** pocket folder

Humanities: a **BLUE** 1" 3-ring binder with a pocket in the front or back, and three dividers (any kind)

Science: a 1" 3-ring binder with a clear pocket cover and with interior front and back pockets, and 6 binder dividers with pockets (any color).

Math: a **RED** 3-ring binder with a pocket in the front or back (½" to 1" size is preferred), and a red or math-themed pocket folder for homework/taking things home.

Music and Chorus: a **PURPLE** or music-themed pocket folder for music

Art: a **sketchbook** to use at home and in class. It should be 8.5" x 11" or larger. It does not have to be new. If you already have a sketchbook that you are using, that is great: please keep using it!

Spanish: You may have had a **WHITE** 1-inch 3-ring binder for **Spanish** in a previous year. If so, please bring this with you. If you do not already have this, you do not need to get one at this time.

We'll supply: *a student planner for keeping track of homework and projects, curriculum materials, a small whiteboard, ruler, protractor, and calculator, and supplies for special projects.*