



## August, 2017 Back to School Family Newsletter



Dear NCS Families,  
 Happy August! I'm Ann Princl, the proud Director of New Century School. Each month, you'll receive a NCS Newsletter to find out all the latest happenings and upcoming events at our great school. NCS has been actively preparing for your arrival on September 1 with cleaning, organizing, and planning. We can't wait for all our learners to fill the school! For now, there's still time to keep enjoying these beautiful days, before we fly into the 2017-2018 school year.

This year, we welcome one new teacher to our amazing staff. We are excited to have Emily Utzig for our new K/1 teacher. Emily joins us following her teaching experiences in both the Sun Prairie School District and the Montello School District. Please help me welcome Emily to NCS!

Our final NCS Play Date for the summer will be on August 23, 5:00-7:30 pm at Harriet Park in Verona, which is right off

of Westlawn Avenue. Food carts will be available at this Play Date. Feel free to join us to connect and make new friends as we get ready for a great school year!

Enjoy these last days and remember to keep reading. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

With warm regards,  
 Ann Princl  
 NCS Director



### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>August 15</b>	<b>Online Registration Assistance from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>DEADLINE to Complete the August Online Registration and sign up for Family Contact Day Conferences</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>"Books on Bikes" at locations in Verona &amp; Fitchburg</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Online Registration Assistance from 1:00-4:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg</b>

August 21	Family Contact Day Conferences (Incoming Grades K,2,4 & new students)
August 23	Last NCS Summer Playdate (5:00-7:30 pm at Harriet Park with Food Carts)
Sept. 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School (full day)(1 <sup>st</sup> bell: 7:35 am; 2 <sup>nd</sup> bell: 7:45 am; End of Day Dismissal: 2:35 pm)
Sept. 4	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
Sept. 5	First day of SWIMMING for Mr. Gundlach's, Mrs. Konop's, and Ms. Austen's classes
Sept. 6	First day of Girls on the Run from 3:00-4:30 pm
Sept. 7	First day of SWIMMING for Mrs. Klawiter's, Mr. Lohr's, and Ms. Utzig classes
Sept. 7	1 <sup>st</sup> "Outdoor Learning" Field Trip for 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> graders
Sept. 11	FIRST Late Start Monday of the school year (1 <sup>st</sup> bell: 9:15 am; 2 <sup>nd</sup> bell: 9:25 am)
Sept. 21	NCS Back to School Night, 6:00-7:30 pm
Oct. 13	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 17	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 22-24	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REFER TO THE NCS PARENT GOOGLE CALENDAR AND THE NCS WEB PAGE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE ([nccs.verona.k12.wi.us](http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us)) FOR INFORMATION ON WHEN CLASSES HAVE GYM, LIBRARY, FIELD TRIPS, AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER SPECIAL NCS EVENTS AND MEETINGS.



**JOIN US FOR FOOD CARTS AND FUN NIGHT ON WED., AUG. 23, 5:00-7:30 PM AT HARRIET PARK**

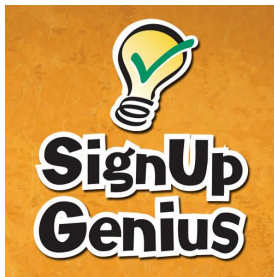
Come on out and enjoy dinner from delicious local food carts! Ribmasters, Little Tibet, Ugly Apple, and Kona Ice will be on hand at Harriet Park, so take the night off from cooking and join us! Open to the public, tell your friends! The food carts will donate 15% of the night's profits to New Century School.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/271385339934740>



**IN NEED OF 100 PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**

Mrs. Konop is collecting plastic water bottles for a school project. Please collect and bring them to NCS the three days before the first day of school. If there is no staff here when you try to buzz in, please leave the water bottles on the top step of NCS below the buzzer. Your help in this is greatly appreciated! Total needed: about 100. Thank you!



### **SIGN-UP GENIUS ALERT**

Watch for a Sign Up Genius next week to help us fill those all important Back to School volunteer needs! This is a great way to help us get the new year off to a smooth start and meet some of your fellow NCS community members! Thank you!



### **HERE'S A GREETING FROM OUR NEW K/1 TEACHER, EMILY UTZIG**

I am Emily Utzig, the new K-1 teacher at NCS. I am so excited to be a part of this amazing school! I grew up in Madison and attended Edgewood College, where I graduated with an Early Childhood/Regular Education degree. This will be my sixth year of teaching; four years teaching Kindergarten and one year teaching K/1. When I am not teaching I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, being on the lake, spending time with my dog, and travelling. I look forward to new discoveries with the amazing NCS families and team!



### **TRIATHLON FOR SCHOOLS FAMILY MUD RUN IN VERONA ON SEPT. 23**

Online registration for the Tri 4 Schools Family Mud Run is open! The Mud Run will take place on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> in Verona with varying distances with and without obstacles (.3 miles, 1.5 miles, and 3 mile long distance). Go to the [Tri 4 Schools website](#) to view the different courses and to register online now.

Nearly 100% of youth race fees go back to the NCS physical education program! So, when you register remember to enter NCS as the school you would like to donate your money. Thank you!



### **STUDENT BUSSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW**

Visit the webpage below to find:

- 2017-2018 bus routes
- Info on our new Bus App, allowing family members of Pre-K through 12 grade students (& special ed students) to receive real-time updates on your school bus as it travels to/from school
- Bus routing software to get most up-to-date information on routes tied to your address as they may adjust in the coming weeks
- Special request transportation form if you desire bussing to/from a location other than home

<http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=139771&pageId=27429582>



**HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE REGISTRATION YET? PLEASE DO SO BY AUG. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

You should have received a letter at the beginning of August with online instructions, including a special code to input that is unique to your child. Please go online to register and pay as soon as possible at this link: [Register your child AND pay your registration fees using E-Funds](#) prior to August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an online registration letter yet, please contact the NCS office as soon as possible at (608) 845-4905 or [stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us) so that we can get that information to you.

If you need translation or technology assistance or access to a computer in order to register your child online, the remaining dates and location for assistance are:

\* August 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm AND August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 pm, at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Rd, Fitchburg

The registration fees will remain the same as last year and are as follows:

\*\$60 Classroom Supplies Fee (Optional but most families take advantage of our bulk discounts & this convenient service.)

\*\$15 Technology Fee (This covers technology maintenance, upgrades, and apps purchases.)

\*\$25 Field Trip Fee (covering field trips for the school year)

\*\$4 Planner Fee (Only for students entering 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

(Scholarships are available based on need. For a scholarship, contact Mrs. Stump in the NCS office.)



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CLASSROOM SUPPLIES**

For those families who paid or will be paying the \$60 fee to have NCS purchase Classroom Supplies for your child this school year, we will have your child's classroom supplies already in the classroom on the first day of school. However, please remember that you still need to purchase these additional items for your student(s):

- gym shoes with non-marking soles
- art smock (Can be an oversized shirt)
- headphones with ear piece comfortable for your child
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also need one pair of garden gloves and an optional stylus

**If you chose to purchase your own school supplies for the school year**, you also need to purchase those above items. You can find your Classroom Supplies List on the NCS webpage at the district site [nccs.verona.k12.wi.us/](http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us/) under "Announcements."



**PERSONALIZED LEARNING**  
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LEARNER  
VERONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**FAMILY CONTACT DAY**  
**CONFERENCES FOR STUDENTS**  
**ENTERING K, 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>, & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**  
**AND NEW STUDENTS ONLY**

The Verona Area School District has a focus on Personalized Learning practices. A key component of Personalized Learning is for teachers to have a deep





SCHOOLMESSENGER®

## **HAVE YOU OPTED-IN YET TO SCHOOLMESSENGER?**

Verona Area School District is using SchoolMessenger for our family communications system. In the case of an emergency, you will receive emails, text messages and possible phone calls from our school office and the district. If you "opted-in" last school year, you do NOT have to do it again this year. Who needs to "opt-in"?

\*If you are new to the Verona Area School District this year

\*If you haven't "opted-in" in the last 2 years since we started SchoolMessenger

\*If you have a new cell phone number

**How to you "opt-in"? TEXT Y to 68453**

You MUST "opt-in" to receive emergency text messages from our school and district. For a quick summary of this system, including a few ways to ensure you receive the communications most efficiently, please press Ctrl and click on the link below:

[http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/links/for\\_parents/information\\_about\\_schoolreach](http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/links/for_parents/information_about_schoolreach)



## **LATE START ON ALL MONDAYS**

New Century School has late start on ALL Mondays during the school year. Please make sure this is noted on your calendar. On Mondays, the first bell rings at **9:15** am and school starts at **9:25** am.

knowledge and understanding of students. Teachers will be meeting with students and families before school begins to better get to know students and learn about their families and the students' learning interests and strengths. NCS classroom teachers will offer a meeting with students and the families of students who are entering kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and other students new to NCS only.

NCS teachers have set aside Monday, August 21<sup>ST</sup>, from 9:20 am-5:00 pm. Teachers will meet with families at the Verona Public Library using a reserved study room. Please allow 20 minutes for each visit. This conference is designed for students and families to talk and teachers to listen.

You should have received a Sign-Up Genius in your email on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to sign up for your child's Family Contact Day Conference. If you didn't receive this Sign-Up Genius in your email, please check to make sure it didn't go into your Spam Folder. If you checked and still don't have it, please call the school office at (608) 845-4905. Please register for a conference before the DEADLINE of Aug. 16 and please MAKE NO CHANGES to your conference time after Aug. 16.

A PRECONFERENCE REFLECTION SHEET was sent in your child's Online Registration envelope in the beginning of August. Please complete it and bring it with you to the conference along with the signed NCS Learning Pledge that was also in the envelope.



## SCHOOL START & DISMISSAL TIME

This is a reminder that the school day begins at **7:45** am Tuesday through Friday, and **9:25** am on Mondays. That means that all students must be in their classroom and ready to learn at those times. Students who enter after that time will be marked Tardy. Please do your best to have your child(ren) on time each day. This will help both teachers and students to start each day smoothly. We allow the students to enter the building at 7:35am Tuesday through Friday and at 9:15 am on Mondays to enable them have time to get ready for class. So, getting them here at these earlier times is advisable.

**School DISMISSAL TIME is 2:35 pm every day.**



## ATTENDANCE LINE

The NCS Attendance Line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please make sure that you **CALL the Attendance Line, (608) 845-4903, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY**, if your child is ill, has an early morning appointment, or will be late arriving at school. When a call has not been received, for your child's safety, school staff will need to call you to find out the status of the student. Your call will save us time and we will not have to disturb you when you're caring for a sick child.



## SCHOOL BREAKFAST IS FREE AGAIN

At NCS again this year, as well as at other schools in the district, breakfast is FREE to students. So, if you are having a rushed morning getting your child(ren) to school on time, be assured that they will be provided a free breakfast in their classroom when they arrive at school. It helps them get a good start to their day!



## WHAT'S FOR SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH TODAY?

Our district has a long history of putting our families first when it comes to school food service. That's why we have online school menus which provide:

- More information about each food, including a photo and description, there's a menu website: <http://verona.nutrislice.com/>
- More convenience through a FREE Smartphone app for iPhone and Android, **School Lunch by Nutrislice.** <http://verona.nutrislice.com/mobile/>

You can still print a PDF of the menu by visiting the menus website above or by asking our school office to send home a paper copy.



## **FREE/REDUCED LUNCH**

### **APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW**

Even if you were approved for Free/Reduced lunch last year, you **MUST** reapply each year by completing a Free/Reduced Lunch application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for this school year.

We have paper copies available in the NCS office. You can also get a paper copy by printing it after clicking on the following links:

<https://goo.gl/r3jeZ9> for English

<https://goo.gl/B3s75f> for Spanish

You will still have to print the form and turn it in to our NCS office or the Child Nutrition Office located at Badger Ridge Middle School. If you have questions, please call the district's Child Nutrition Office at (608) 845-4139. Please turn your form in as soon as possible so it can be processed and approved before the start of the school year. Thank you!



## **NCS SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE NATATORIUM START SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Swimming lessons for New Century Charter School students in grades K through 5 will **begin Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for some NCS classes and on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> for the rest.** It will finish on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Check the schedule below for your child's class.

All students will be bussed to the Natatorium for swimming lessons and back to NCS after they have finished. The school district provides towels for students. Students are permitted to wear their own swimming suits under the following guidelines:

1. The style must be appropriate for swimming.
2. We ask that parents provide a gallon size Ziploc plastic bag to store their child's suit in. (Wet suits will cause locker damage.)
3. Children forgetting to bring their swimsuit and plastic bag on their swimming day will be required to wear a suit provided by the Natatorium on that day.

Swimming caps or a ponytail with an elastic band are required for students with hair that is shoulder length or longer. Students may bring caps from home or purchase them (silicone cap) at the pool for \$2.75. Students who would like to use goggles are encouraged to bring their own because the Natatorium has a very small supply and will not have enough to lend to a large number of students.

Below is the swimming schedule. Please note the day your child's class is swimming so you can help them to be prepared for that day. If you have additional questions about the swimming program, please contact the NCS office at (608) 845-4905.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We have a great need for volunteers to help the K/1 students with transitions before and after their swim time. If you are interested in volunteering, please look

for the Sign-Up Genius in your email next week.



## SWIM SCHEDULE:

### TUESDAYS:

Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26

Oct. 3, 10, and 17:

Mr. Gundlach's class: 8:00 am

Mrs. Konop's class: 9:00 am

Ms. Austen's class: 10:00 am

### THURSDAYS:

Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28

Oct. 5, 12, and 19:

Mrs. Klawiter's class: 8:00 am

Mr. Lohr's class: 9:00 am

Ms. Utzig's class: 10:00 am



### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SEPT. 21

NCS Back-to-School Night on Thursday, Sept. 21, begins at 6:00 pm. Parents will meet in the Sugar Creek Step Room to kick off our evening. Then we will transition to the classrooms. We will be reviewing academic and behavioral expectations in the classroom and how families can support these expectations at home. Teachers will share the same information around 7:00 pm for families who may have other children across different grades. The evening will end around 7:30 pm.

Kindly provide your own supervision of your children this night, as this is a parent-only event. If you need to bring your children, please contact the NCS office and we will help you with supervision arrangements.

## PICTURE DAY IS FRIDAY, OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup>

Picture Day is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Brochures with picture packages and prices will go home with your child in their Friday Folders on the Friday prior to Picture Day.

You will receive email reminders two weeks, three days and the night prior to Picture Day. There will be a link in the email for you to pay online to purchase pictures if you'd prefer to do that instead of sending in money on Picture Day.

All students will have their individual picture taken AND group class pictures will be taken, but there is no obligation to purchase the pictures. Even if you do not indicate that you want to purchase a package, your child will still have their picture taken and there will still be a photo proof page sent home several weeks after Picture Day. After you view the proof, you will have the option of purchasing. Remember, *purchase of any school photos is entirely optional.*

If your child misses school on Picture Day on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> or if you would like to have your child's picture retaken, we have Picture Retake Day on Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.





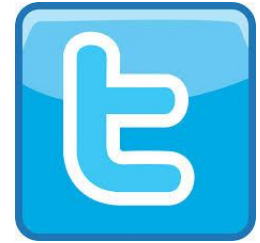
### **ADULTS AND STUDENTS: PLEASE WALK BIKES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

For the safety of all students and families, school rules require all adults and children to get off and walk their bikes on school property. There is no riding of bicycles on school property. Thank you for adhering to this policy so we create a safe place on school grounds.



### **START AND END OF DAY ROAD SAFETY**

It can be a very busy time dropping off and picking up your child(ren) at NCS. Of course, it is the most safe and convenient to park in front of NCS to drop off and pick up children. If you do end up parking across the street, please take the time to walk to the cross walk where the crossing guard can help you and your child(ren) cross safely. Jaywalking when you park across the street is very unsafe and should be avoided. We have had near accidents in the past due to jaywalking. So, please be safe by making sure you are **only** crossing the street **at the cross walk with the crossing guard.** Also, if you are pulling out into traffic, make sure there is ample distance for you to do so safely.



### **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER**

Take a few seconds to click on our Facebook links and "LIKE" us from your account, then click and find us on Twitter too! We have two Facebook pages, one is the NCS District Facebook page and one is the NCS Community Facebook Page. Follow us on BOTH! Twitter and Facebook are more ways to receive immediate access to daily happenings in your school, such as classroom activities, staff announcements, concerts or sporting events, weather updates, and MORE!

#### **FACEBOOK:**

NCS District Facebook Page:  
[New Century School - Verona Area School District](https://www.facebook.com/NewCenturyCharterSchool)  
(<https://www.facebook.com/NewCenturyCharterSchool>)

NCS Community Facebook Page:  
[New Century School Community, Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/NewCenturySchoolVerona)  
(<https://www.facebook.com/NewCenturySchoolVerona>)

#### **TWITTER:**

[New Century-VASD Twitter](https://twitter.com/NewCentury_VASD)  
([@NewCentury\\_VASD](https://twitter.com/NewCentury_VASD))

#### **For more general news around the district, you can also follow VASD:**

[Verona Area School District Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/VeronaAreaSchoolDistrict) (<https://www.facebook.com/VeronaAreaSchoolDistrict>) and  
[VASD Twitter account](https://twitter.com/VASD-K12) ([@VASD-K12](https://twitter.com/VASD-K12))

Thanks for your support of our wonderful school community!



### **NCS SITE COUNCIL**

Site Council is NCS' governing board, a group of parents and staff members that work together to develop, review and evaluate our school's programs and budgets. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year from 4-6 pm. The next few years promise to be exciting times for our school! For more information, contact Ann Princla at [princla@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:princla@verona.k12.wi.us) or Leigh Schmidt at [leighanneschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:leighanneschmidt@gmail.com).



New Century Charter School is excited to continue to partner with Girls on the Run of South Central Wisconsin this fall!

Girls on the Run is a wonderful after-school program for girls in 3rd - 5th grades and will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30pm for 10 weeks beginning September 6, 2017 and ending with participants running in the Girls on the Run fall 5K in Waunakee on Saturday November 11, 2017. Girls on the Run teaches life skills and self-confidence through an interactive curriculum and physical activity.

**Registration is open NOW at**  
**<https://www.girlsontherunscwi.org/Registrar-Now>**

Financial assistance is available to qualifying families. For more information about GOTR, participation fees, scholarship assistance and how to register, call 608-831-GOTR (4687) or visit the website at

<https://www.girlsontherunscwi.org/>

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Klawiter at New Century School at:  
[klawitej@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:klawitej@verona.k12.wi.us)



### **CHECK OUT THE** **ONLINE NCS CALENDAR AND NCS** **GOOGLE PARENT CALENDAR!**

A calendar with this year's updated NCS events is on the NCS web page on the district website, [nccs.verona.k12.wi.us](http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us) under "Upcoming Events."

In addition, you should already have access to our NCS Parent Google Calendar. If you do not have access to it, please contact the NCS office and we will be glad to share it with you.

These two calendars will be updated continually throughout the year with school events. Some of these events will include swim and gym days, library days, Picture Day, Back to School Night, field trips, parent/teacher conferences, days off of school, site council meetings, and so much more! We hope that this will make things easier for you!



**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCS  
POLICIES? CHECK OUT THE NCS  
FAMILY HANDBOOK ONLINE!**

Do you have questions about attendance, parking, classroom parties, electronic devices at school, teacher conferences, or biking to school? The answers to these questions and so much more are found in the [NCS Family Handbook](#).



**GO ONLINE NOW TO SEE UPCOMING  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Visit the Community Activities for Families page on our VASD website at: <http://goo.gl/rVmCie> to see great activities happening in our communities for your family year-round or to inquire about posting a new one!