



The STAR Reporter

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Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.

Principal's Corner



It looks like October will be filled with lots of new and enriching learning experiences coupled with some fun-filled activities. Here are some strategies for academic success:

Review school safety. Talk to your child about the importance of following school and classroom rules.

Attendance. Stress the importance of regular attendance and being on time for the start of the school day.

Get to know your child's teacher. When parents and teachers are on the same team, kids do better in school. It is important to ask questions or share a concern about your child.

Set Goals. Students who do best in school have short and long term goals. Whether it is completing homework, learning to play an instrument, new sport or planning to attend college, your child needs goals to keep them on the right track.

Settle into a routine. Kids thrive on predictability. Have a regular time for homework. Set and stick to a regular bedtime. Plan a morning routine that gets everyone out the door on time.

Don't over schedule your child. Give them time to unwind after school, especially during the first six weeks of school.

Be genuinely interested in your child's schoolwork. Ask them about their favorite part of their day!

Insist that your child give their best effort in school. If your child knows that school is important to you, it will be important to them

Most importantly, read, read, read! Read to them, read with them and let them see you reading a book! It is the **SINGLE** most important way you can help your child in school. Research shows reading to your child helps develop language skills and long-term success in school.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be virtual through Zoom. Please watch for sign-up information from your child's teacher.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or any of our staff.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephenson

SCHOOL PICTURES!

If you order your picture packages **online**, there is an area or box to mark if you want to purchase a yearbook. If you order your packet by sending in check or cash in the envelope, there will be a separate yearbook order form sent home with students later this year. Please contact the office with any questions.

PICTURE DAY: OCT. 2ND

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, IS PICTURE DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

PLEASE NOTE: **YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT LATER THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**

MAKE SURE TO WATCH FOR THE ORDER FORM.

Halloween Parties / Halloween Parade



Student Halloween parties are going to be held on **Thursday, Oct. 31st** throughout the day. Teachers will be sending home more information over the next couple of weeks. If you want to join in on the festivities, please make sure to fill out a Volunteer Form and submit it to the office along with a copy of your driver's license. Forms can be found on the Anchor Bay website or picked up in the school office.

Our school-wide Halloween Parade will be held outside behind the school at 10 AM sharp – weather permitting!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Please note that our day's start and end times have not changed! Classes will begin at 9:00 AM, with doors opening to students at 8:55 AM. **Please note there will be no student supervision until 8:55 AM**. Dismissal is a staggered dismissal, in which car riders get released at **3:40 PM**.

Upon arrival, students will enter the building through the following doors at 8:55 AM:

KINDERGARTEN students will enter and exit Door #6.

ALL BUS RIDERS enter Door #7 and should walk directly to their classroom.

ALL CAR RIDERS enter Door #2 and should walk directly to their classroom.

ALL SACC STUDENTS will be dismissed to the classrooms by staff members.

Once students get to their classroom area, they are to put their belongings away in their locker/cubby area and enter their classroom.

Our doors will be supervised by school personnel starting at 8:55 AM until approximately 9:05 AM. If your child is late for school, please park in the lot and walk them into the main office at Door #1. Sign your student in on the clipboard by the office door. Students will be let in to the office where they will receive a tardy pass and walk to their classroom. Parents are to remain in the entry area or may leave the building.

Dismissal Procedures:

DROP OFF LOOP is a single lane. Chesterfield Police worked with our staff to develop the safest method.

ALL BUS RIDERS will exit Door #7 and walk directly to their bus. Staff members and 5th grade safeties will assist students to their bus. Our youngest students will enter the bus first. All other grades will be called on a staggered dismissal rotation.

ALL CAR RIDERS will exit Door #2. Please pull all the way up to the loading zone. Students will enter cars from the sidewalk.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience! It has made a big improvement!



Late Arrivals due to Appointments

If your student has a doctor or dental appoint first thing in the morning and needs to order a hot lunch, **please contact the office no later than 9:30 to order them a lunch**. Our lunches are provided by another kitchen and need to be ordered first thing in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Sign-In / Sign-Out Procedure



There is a QR code in place to sign your student in to or out of school. This code is located in the office entrance. Once you scan the code and sign in/out, use the intercom button to talk to the office staff or have them open the door to let students enter. District policy is parents are to wait for their child in the vestibule area. Thank you for your cooperation! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual through Zoom again this year. Please watch for sign-up information from your child's teacher.



NWEA Testing

NWEA testing began in mid-September for students in Kdgn through 5th grade. It will run for a few weeks. Please make sure your students are well rested and in school on testing days. Results of the academic testing will be shared at conferences.

M-STEP Parent Reports will be shared in report cards at the end of 1st card marking.

IXL SUMMER CONTEST WINNERS

We would like to recognize our IXL Summer winners for their effort over the summer! Our top winners are:

Top Tier - Logging Over 10,000 Seconds: Bruce Bommarito, Eleanor Bommarito, Felix Couwlier, Alora Clark, Brooke Haskins, Elliott Jensen, Connor Lynch, Madeline May, Kelton Plant, Audrey Santana, Gavin Stasyk, Logan Stasyk and Lillian Yonkus,

Second Tier: Alivia Boden, Ryder Cunningham, Kalea Diaz, Lorenzo DiMambro, Aubree Dulics, Frankie Farah, Corbin Gleisner, Brycen Haskins-Belz, Jonathan Kobielski, Kamilla Locke, Brynn Lusk, Harper Lutz, Tabitha May, Fidelis Owczarski, Raelynn Parks, Sophia Ray, Logan Scott, Lucas Scott, Olivia Stepanian, Gianna Turcott, George Wezner and Lucas Wrobel.

Third Tier: Jose Arellano, Cooper Babisz, Andre Brown, Dalton Brunner, Avery Bush, Helena Colangelo, Levi Eveland, Julian Fajardo Garzon, Easton Figlan, Liliana Fowler, Lauryn Gillison, Audrey Gonzales, Emberlynn Good, William "Maverick" Goodwin, Ethan Hanna, Jonah Hudson-Peralta, Sophia Johnson, Jace Jones, Brooke Murphy, Grace Mylan, Ashton Nester, Jayden Nicholson, James Piotrowski, Ryan Sankuer, Hailey Stewart, Holly Tokarz and Marisa Zerilli.

Our **TOP THREE** Winners are as follows:

1ST: Logan Stasyk with 114,816 Seconds Logged - Received a \$30 Target Gift Card

2ND: Gavin Stasyk with 57,409 Seconds Logged - Received a \$25 Target Gift Card

3RD: Felix Couwlier with 28,219 Seconds Logged - Received a \$20 Target Gift Card

Certificates were presented to all! Tremendous job, kids!

ANNUAL FEED THE BAY FOOD DRIVE!



Naldrett is participating once again in the Feed the Bay Food Drive! This year we will be collecting **Chef Boyardee Pop-Top Singles**. **Collection will begin on Monday, October 7th** and run thru the week, ending on Friday, October 11th. See flyer for more info!



ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL SAFETY

WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE THIS YEAR:

Each building is strongly enforcing visitor management procedures. In order to ensure building safety and security, parents/guardians/visitors will:

- Enter through the main entrance of the school, during school hours.
- **Will remain in the vestibule area.**
- Communicate with front office staff, utilizing the vestibule intercom.

Communication to Include:

- Name of parent/guardian/visitor (must present valid ID)
- Name of student
- Purpose for visit

Please make sure to follow these procedures:

- Student Sign in/Sign out procedures
- Item drop off/pick up procedures

Thank you for your cooperation while we strive for the safety of our students and staff!

PARKING LOT

PLEASE make note: 1) **DO NOT** block the entrance/exit drives of the bus loop.
2) **DO NOT** park in the handicap parking without a handicap sticker!
3) **PLEASE USE THE TWO CROSSWALKS** where staff is directing traffic when walking with your student(s) to and from the parking lot.

THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS! Thank you!

UPCOMING DATES - OCT & NOV



- Wednesday, Oct. 2 - COUNT DAY / PICTURE DAY!
- Friday, Oct. 4 - Progress Reports Sent Home
- M-F, Oct. 9-11th : FEED THE BAY COLLECTIONS - See Flyer!
- Thursday, Oct. 10 - Parker Jones Basketball Assembly
- Sunday, Oct. 13 - Dine & Donate @ Buffalo Wild Wings ALL DAY!
- **FRIDAY, OCT. 18 - STAR COUNCIL TRUNK OR TREAT - 5:30-7 PM**
Support our Anchor Bay High School CTE Food Truck!!! More info to come!
- Friday, Oct. 25 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Challenger Learning Center
- Friday, Nov. 1 - End of 1st Marking Period
- Thursday, Nov. 7 - STAR COUNCIL Meeting - 5 PM in Library
- Friday, Nov. 8 - **HALF DAY for Elementary Students Only - 12:26 Dismissal**
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 - Report Cards in Parent Portal / Go Home w/Students
- M-F, Nov. 11-15th: Fall Virtual Conference Window
- Friday, Nov. 22 - **HALF DAY for ALL Students Only - 12:26 Dismissal**
- M-T, Nov. 25-26th: **Professional Development Day - NO STUDENTS**
- W-F, Nov. 27-29th: **NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!**
- Monday, Dec. 2nd: School Resumes

Attendance M^A+tters

Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- There is an unquestionable link between school attendance and school achievement.

Proficient Readers in the 3rd Grade



In School, On Time

School start time: **9:00 AM**

TARDY: 9:06 AM

Students arriving after 9:06 AM need to be signed in using the QR Code in the vestibule. Thank you!

Help your child come to school every day

- Set a regular bedtime.
- Help your child complete their homework and pack up their backpack the night before.
- Develop a morning routine.
- Encourage your child to attend school!

Truance & Attendance Letters

Per district guidelines, parents will receive the following:

- Attendance letter #1 after 7 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #2 after 14 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #3 after 21 days absent and/or tardy.
- Excessive absences and tardies after 21 days must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please contact the school principal or school counselor to discuss how we can help you with this matter.

Remember:

School Attendance is the law!