



**WELCOME TO**  
**NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**24-25**  
**HOME OF THE RIDGERUNNERS**

**Vision:**

**To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student, Every Day!**

**Mission:**

**Engage students by encouraging life long learning.  
Educate them for success in college and careers, and  
Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to  
who they are.**

**SCHOOL HOURS**

<b>Students</b>	<b>9:02 - 3:45</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>8:15 - 4:00</b>
<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>7:45 – 4:15</b>

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8:45 - 8:55</b>
<b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>9:02 - 2:45</b>



# **\*Important\*** *Phone Numbers*



## **First Student**

(217) 920-1341

(217) 920-1347

(217) 920-1348



P 217-444-3400

F. 21 74443488



**Report  
Absence or  
Lateness**

## **Attendance**

Mrs. Guthrie

217-444-3404



## **Receptionists**

Mrs. Davis

217-444-3403



## **Nurse**

Nurse Gabby

217-444-3408



Mr. Hightower 2174443474

Mr. Day 217444-3468

Ms. Mason 2174443482



## **Guidance Counselor**

C. Helferich

HelferichC@danville118.org

Secretary J. Curry-Varner

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## **Guidance Counselor**

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Secretary J. Auguston

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Dean

M.Parker

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Dean

J. Smith

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# MEET THE PRINCIPAL



I am Michael Gourley and I am proud to be the principal of North Ridge Middle School. I am excited to be here working with our highly dedicated staff to serve the students and families of District 118. This year marks my 30th year in public education. I began my career as a social studies teacher in Normal, and I have served as an assistant principal, associate principal, and principal in several different school districts throughout my career. Most recently I have been serving as the principal at Morris Community High School in Morris, Illinois. My wife and I are both natives of Danville and we still have family in the area. We have two adult children who live out of state, so we like to spend our free time visiting them. I also enjoy going fishing and cheering on the Cubs and the Fighting Illini. I hope every student has an outstanding school year, and I look forward to partnering with their families to support them throughout this year.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.



a great  
**Principal**  
BUILDS CHARACTER  
inspires dreams  
ENCOURAGES CREATIVITY  
BUILDS CONFIDENCE  
INSTILLS A LOT OF LEARNING  
Touches Our  Hearts  
& CHANGES OUR LIVES FOREVER

# A•S•S•I•S•T•A•N•T P•R•I•N•C•I•P•A•L

I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU



Mr. Henderson

A Danville native and product of the public school system as a 2002 graduate of Danville High School. He began his career in education as a secondary English teacher, including ten years in Danville. He is excited and honored to continue his role in education as Assistant Principal at North Ridge Middle School for the second year.

Sincerely,

Nathan Henderson

Assistant Principal NRMS





# WELCOME

*glad you're here*



"Hello North Ridge!

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Assistant Principal. As a proud Danville High School alum, I'm thrilled to be back in my community, supporting our students. With degrees from Western Illinois University and Eastern Illinois University, I've had the privilege of serving in various roles in education, always focused on helping people reach their full potential. I'm passionate about education and believe in creating a supportive environment where every student can thrive. Let's work together to make this an amazing year!"

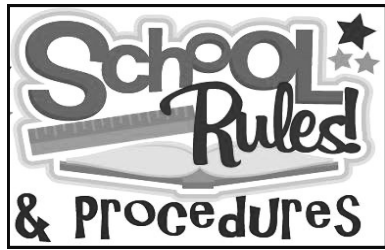
Sincerely,  
Colette Hampton  
Assistant Principal NRMS

**It Takes A Lot  
Of Sparkle To  
Be An Assistant  
Principal**



2024-2025

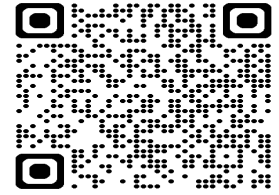
# OWNERSHIP IN EDUCATION HANDBOOK



DANVILLE



SCAN ME !



## Meet our Staff





# Meet the social worker!



Ms. Carey

## all about me:

I was born and raised in the Danville. I have 6-year-old twins (boy & girl), I love football, and everything fall except pumpkin spice.

This will be my 5<sup>th</sup> year at North Ridge Middle School and looking forward to a great school year!

## how can i help?

This year I will be working with 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their families! I provide mental health support, individual counseling, small group counseling, consultation services, special education support, and offer a care closet (food for the weekend & a coat for the winter). If you would like support for your child's social-emotional needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to me any time – I'm here to help you!



## let's connect!



(217)444-3495



[careya@danville118.org](mailto:careya@danville118.org)

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



PROUD  
social worker

My name is Jeni Free and I am the 8<sup>th</sup> grade social worker. I have been a school social worker for 8 years and this is my first year at North Ridge Middle School! I graduated in 2017 from U of I with my master's in social work. I have worked in both the k-12 and university setting.

Whenever I have a break from school I enjoy traveling with my family and my fiancé. My most recent trips were to Portland, Oregon and Colombia. In my free time I like to go to University of Kentucky basketball games (Go UK!), bake, knit and read. I have a dog named Lobo who I love to spoil rotten.

SOCIAL WORKER

kind, compassionate,  
multitasking ninja,  
social justice advocate

Ms. Free

[freej@danville118.org](mailto:freej@danville118.org)

2174443470



# Important Information EFFECTIVE

8/19/24

**Oops!**



**You are Tardy**

Students will go to the stations located throughout the building for a pass.

## GRADING

Summative 75%

Tests, projects, essays, presentations

Formative 25%

Quizzes, homework, classwork, participation, etc.

## **Tardy Bell:**

No student will be admitted to class without a Detention/Tardy slip

Students who fail to adhere to the dress code policy of their school will be permitted to contact their home for a change of clothes or will be sent home.

The following items will be considered a dress code violation and will result in a parent contact and/or a referral.

## **Dress Code Alert**



# Cell Phone Policy



## Classroom Enforcement

**First Offense:** Verbal Warning - Teacher documents in TeacherEase by the end of the day.

**Second Offense:** Phone is confiscated by the teacher and turned into the Main Office. Teacher documents in TeacherEase and calls home.

**Third Offense:** Phone is confiscated by the teacher and turned into the Main Office. Teacher documents with a referral to the Dean. Parent/Guardian must pick up the phone.

**Fourth Offense:** Referral to the Dean. Dean confiscates the phone and issues additional consequences (Detention and/or In School Suspension). Parent/Guardian must pick up the phone and will be encouraged to keep the phone at home.

## Hallway Enforcement

**First Offense:** Phone is confiscated by a staff member and taken to the Main Office. Ask for the phone once, if the student does not comply notify the Dean. Dean will document in Skyward. Phone remains in the main office until the end of the day.

**Second Offense:** Same as the first offense. Parent/ Guardian must pick up the phone.

**Third Offense:** Same as the second offense. Dean issues additional consequences.

**Fourth Offense:** Same as the third offense. Parent/Guardian is encouraged to keep phone at home.

*\* Students will be allowed to use cell phones during breakfast and lunch.*





# WELCOME!

## to the TEAM

- Calvin Adams
  - Jessica Auguston
  - Jacquelyn Collier
  - Sudan Ellington
  - Jennifer Free
  - Donald Gill
  - Melissa Guthrie
  - Colette Hampton
  - Shawn Knuckles
  - Maria Parker
  - Susan Scheel
  - Joshua Sexton
  - Kara Shaw
- Hall Monitor
  - Counselor's Secretary
  - Hall Monitor
  - P.E.
  - Social Worker
  - Health
  - Attendance Secretary
  - Assistant Principal
  - Art
  - Dean
  - Social Studies
  - Vocal Music
  - Science

# PARENT/GUARDIAN

## NOTICE

### PHOTO ID REQUIRED



**ABSENT, TARDY  
OR  
EARLY DISMISSAL?**



**NO  
OUTSIDE FOOD  
OR DRINKS  
ALLOWED**



- Please bring in your photo ID when entering the building.
- Please call in the morning to inform us of an absence, dismissal, or if tardy.
- School hours 9:00am-3:45pm.
- Students may enter the building at 8:40 for breakfast.
- We need proof of new address.
- Bus changes take a minimum of 5 days to complete.
- Fast food will not be allowed to be delivered to students.



# NRMS CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

NORTH RIDGE GYM  
PLEASE WEAR ATHLETIC ATTIRE  
AND GYM SHOES.

AUGUST 26 & 27

4:15-6:15 P



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!  
MUST HAVE AN UPDATED PHYSICAL  
TO PARTICIPATE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT KARA SHAW

[SHAWK@DANVILLE118.ORG](mailto:SHAWK@DANVILLE118.ORG)



North Ridge Athletics

Check out our Facebook page:

North Ridge Athletics

\*\*\*ALL UPDATES WILL BE POSTED THERE\*\*\*

Must be registered online & have a  
current physical (within 1 year).

Fall 2024

Softball—Coach Owens, email: [owenst@danville118.org](mailto:owenst@danville118.org)

Tryout Dates—July 29 & 30, 4:00-6:00pm @ Winterview

Practice begins July 31, 2024

Cross Country, Coach Robinson, email: [robinsonj@danville118.org](mailto:robinsonj@danville118.org)

Tryout Date—August 5, 6, & 7, 10:00am @ Winter Park (AMBUCS)

Baseball—Coach Wadsworth, email: [wadsworthb@danville118.org](mailto:wadsworthb@danville118.org)

Tryout Dates—August 5 & 6, 4:30-6:00pm @ American Legion

Girls Basketball—7th Grade—Coach Beard, email: [beards@danville118.org](mailto:beards@danville118.org)

8th Grade—Coach Anderson, email: [dyen@danville118.org](mailto:dyen@danville118.org)

Tryout Tentative Dates—September 2, 2024



## DANVILLE COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

### AMENDED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS

#### 2024

Monday-Tuesday	August 12-13
Wednesday	August 14
Monday	September 2
Friday	October 11
One week	October 14-18
Monday	October 21
Tuesday	October 29
Wednesday	October 30
Friday	November 1
Tuesday	November 5
Monday	November 11
Wednesday-Friday	November 27-29
Monday	December 2
Friday	December 20
Two weeks	Dec 23 – Jan 2

Staff Institute – No school for students  
 1<sup>st</sup> Student Attendance Day – One Hour Early Dismissal  
 Labor Day – District closed  
 Staff Institute – No school for students  
 Fall Break – No school for students & staff  
 Students & staff return from Fall Break  
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school  
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school  
 No school for students & staff (following parent conferences)  
 Election Day – District closed  
 Veterans Day – District closed  
 Thanksgiving Break – District closed  
 Students & staff return from Thanksgiving Break  
 Early dismissal for Winter Break  
 Winter Break – District closed

#### 2025

Friday	January 3
Monday	January 6
Friday	January 17
Monday	January 20
Monday	February 17
One week	March 17-21
Monday	March 24
Tuesday	April 8
Thursday	April 10
Friday	April 11
Friday	April 18
Monday	May 26
Friday	May 30

No school for staff and students  
 Students & staff return to school  
 Semester Planning Day – No school for students  
 Martin Luther King Day – District closed  
 Presidents' Day – No school for students & staff  
 Spring Break – District closed  
 Students & staff return from Spring Break  
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school  
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school  
 No school for students & staff (following parent conferences)  
 No School for Staff and Students  
 Memorial Day – District closed  
 Last day of school

Grading Periods	Pupil Days
August 14 – October 10	41
October 21 – December 20	39
January 6 – March 14	47
March 24 – May 30	47
Total Pupil Days	174
Attendance Reports	Pupil Days
August 14 – September 30	33
October 1 – 31	17
November 1 – 30	15
December 1 – 31	15
January 1 – 31	18
February 1 – 28	19
March 1 – 31	16
April 1 – 30	20
May 1 – May 30	21
Total Pupil Days	174

Teachers are paid for 180 days:  
 174 Pupil Days  
 3 Staff Institute Days  
 1 Semester Planning Day  
 2 Parent Conference Days

BOE Adopted 11/15/2023  
 Amended 06/05/2024



# First Student Bus Service

## FirstView ParentView by First Student: Getting Started

1. Download the FirstView ParentView App
2. Set Up Your Profile

1.	Select State/Province:	Illinois
2.	Select District:	Danville
3.	Student ID or District Code:	U93R
4.	Route Name	(your student's bus number goes here)

3. Follow a Route.
4. Setup Distance Alerts
5. Receive Notifications
6. Ask for Help or Give Suggestions


[CLICK HERE to view a Registration Guide](#)

FirstView provides a dedicated customer support team Monday through Friday to assist you:

Call toll-free **888-889-8920** from 7:00 a.m. ET to 5:00 p.m. ET

Email Customer Support at [support@firstviewapp.com](mailto:support@firstviewapp.com)

Use the in-app “✉” button (right corner) to provide feedback



**ParentView**

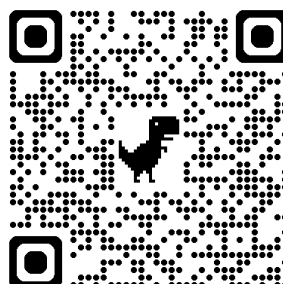
ParentView gives you direct access to the status of your child's bus. Whether deciding the best time to meet at the stop, or seeking detailed delay notifications, ParentView gives you the information you need to plan your day and stay connected.

- INSTANT DISTRICT NOTIFICATIONS
- PARENT SUPPORT
- KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS
- DISTANCE NOTIFICATIONS
- VIEW TRACKING STATUS
- MULTIPLE KIDS - ONE APP

**How it works**

ParentView tracks the bus on the map and allows you to set up a customizable geofence around your pick-up/drop-off location, so you can be alerted when the bus is close. Getting started with FirstView is simple. First download the app from Google Play or the App Store, register for an account, and enter the required codes. To start tracking:

1. Choose Your Student's Route
2. Drop a Pin and Set Up the Geofence
3. Set Up Alert Notification Hours
4. Track the Bus and Receive Alerts

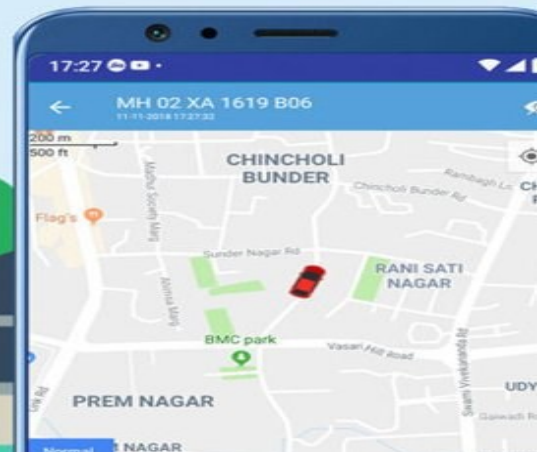


**ParentView**

Introducing a new way to track your child's bus

- GET MESSAGES FROM YOUR DISTRICT OR DEPOSIT: From delays to important schedule changes, stay in the know!
- KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS: Check bus progression with GPS tracking.
- ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CONFIRMATION: Know when the bus arrives at your child's school and stop.
- PARENT SUPPORT: Dedicated support at your fingertips.
- MULTIPLE KIDS - ONE APP: Easily track all of your students at one time.
- PUSH NOTIFICATIONS: Get in-app alerts when the bus is getting close.

# LIVE BUS TRACKING



ParentView gives you direct access to the status of your child's bus. Whether deciding the best time to meet at the stop, or seeking detailed delay notifications, ParentView gives you the information you need to plan your day and stay connected.



**INSTANT DISTRICT NOTIFICATIONS**



**PARENT SUPPORT**



**KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS**



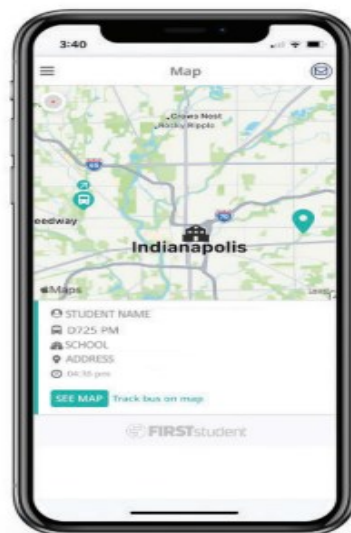
**DISTANCE NOTIFICATIONS**



**VIEW TRACKING STATUS**



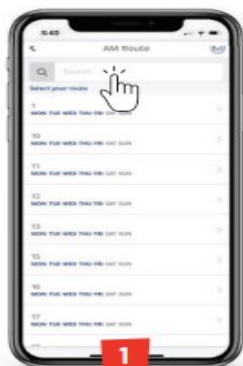
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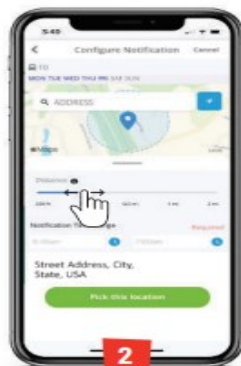
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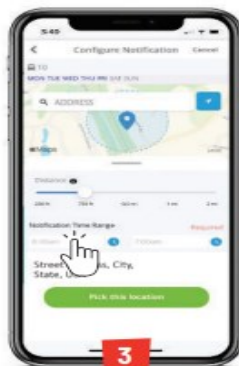
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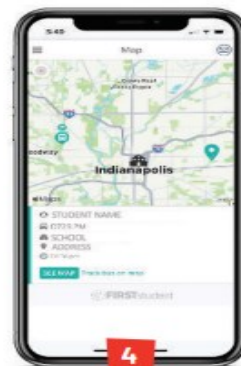
**1 Choose Your Student's Route**



**2 Drop a Pin and Set Up the Geofence**



**3 Set Up Alert Notification Hours**



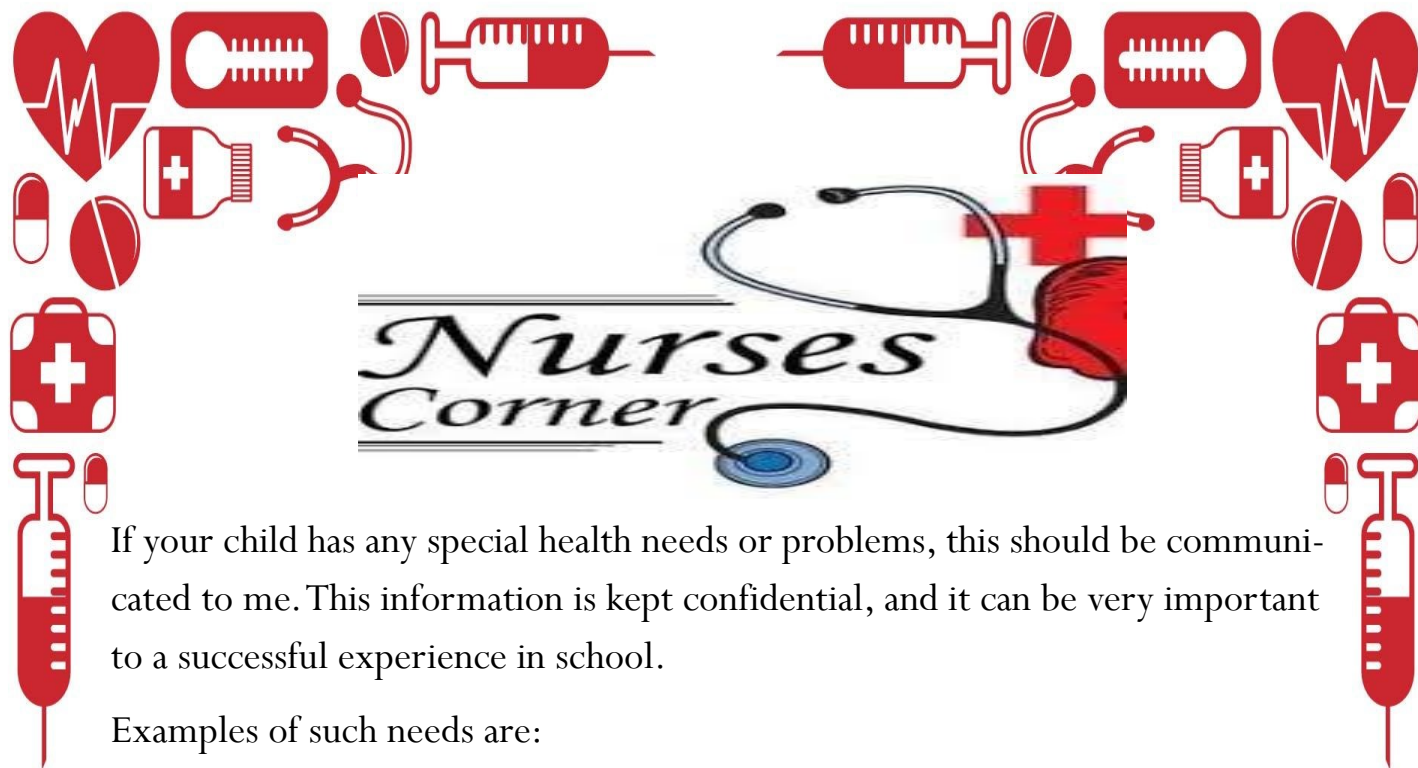
**4 Track the Bus and Receive Alerts**

NOTE: Many of our systems and tools integrate heavily with data gathered from your District, allowing us to provide accurate reporting and a customized approach. Because these systems rely on unique information about your students and routes, they will not be fully functional on day one. FirstView typically requires one to three months to integrate and sort your data effectively.



Caring for Students. That is our First priority.





If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to me. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience in school.

Examples of such needs are:

1. Food Allergy
2. Bee sting allergy
3. Allergy to any other substance
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech
5. Need for medication during the school day
6. Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

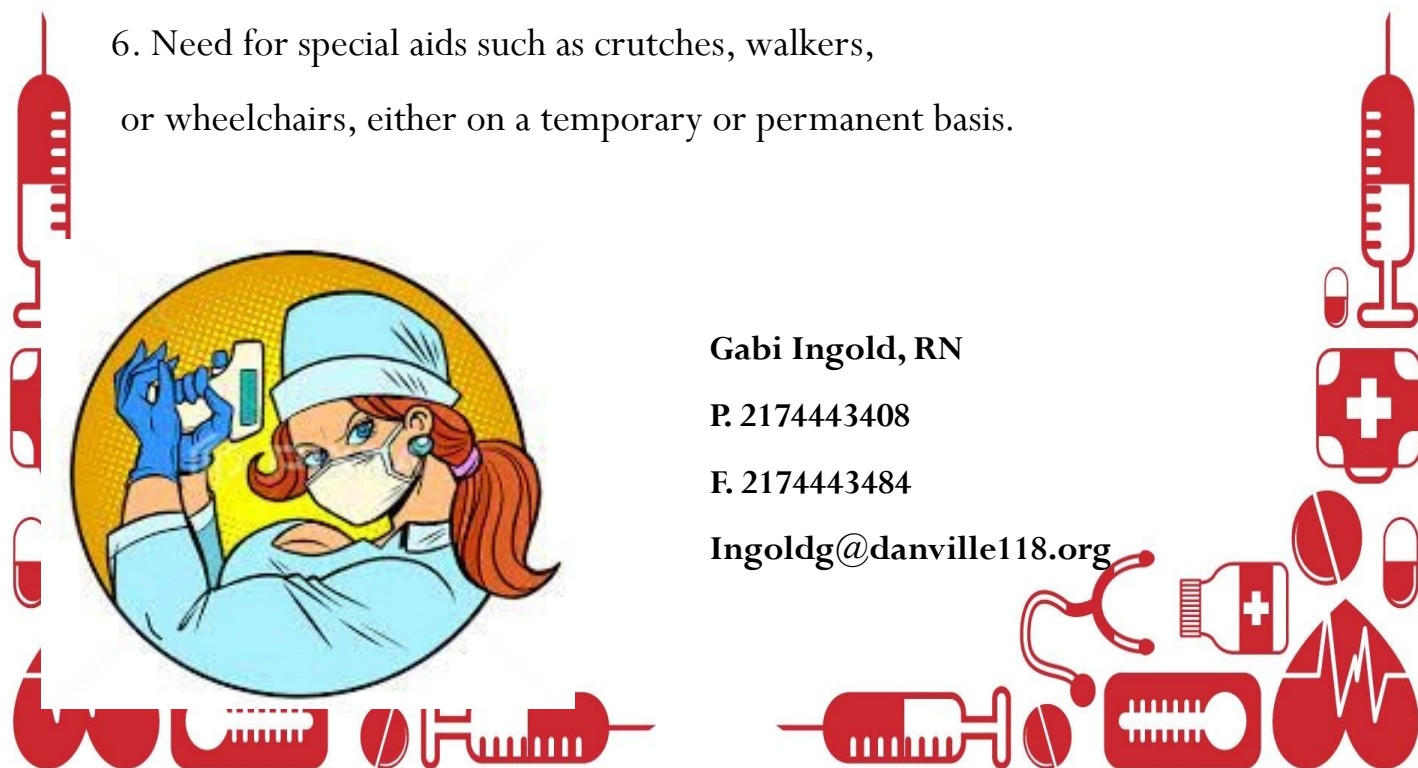


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# AUGUST | 2024

## K-12 Breakfast Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14 Blueberry Bread Plain Applesauce String Cheese 100% Apple Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	15 Glazed Donut Fresh Pear 100% Very Berry Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	16 Turkey Pancake Wrap Fresh Orange 100% Grape Juice Skim or 1% White Milk
19 Confetti Pancakes Strawberry Applesauce 100% Orange Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	20 Sausage and Cheese Bagel Sandwich Fresh Apple 100% Fruit Punch Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	21 Mini Cinnamon Caramel Roll Fresh Orange 100% Apple Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	22 Turkey Ham and Cheese Biscuit Banana 100% Very Berry Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	23 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Strawberry Banana Yogurt Raisins 100% Grape Juice Skim or 1% White Milk
26 Mini French Toast Sausage Link Cinnamon Applesauce 100% Orange juice Skim or 1% White Milk	27 Cocoa Cherry Bar Vanilla Yogurt Fresh Orange 100% Fruit Punch Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	28 Turkey Sausage and Egg Burrito Fresh Apple 100% Apple Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	29 Apple Strudel Fresh Pear 100% Very Berry Juice Skim or 1% White Milk	30 Powdered Donut Hole Cluster Raisins 100% Grape Juice Skim or 1% White Milk

### News

2<sup>nd</sup> Meal Option:  
WG Reduced Fat Cereal

For Questions Regarding  
This Menu, Please  
Contact:  
Zetta Piggott  
Director of Food Service  
217-444-1070  
[PiggottZ@Danville118.org](mailto:PiggottZ@Danville118.org)



# AUGUST | 2024

## K-8 Lunch Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14 Hot Dog on WG Bun w/ketchup, mustard, and relish Vegetarian Baked Beans Baked Wedges Grapes	15 Cheese Pizza Steamed Corn Fresh Broccoli w/ranch Fresh Orange	16 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Steamed Carrots Fresh Celery Fresh Apple
19 Chicken Patty on Bun w/mayo Waffle Fries Fresh Cauliflower w/ranch Pineapple Tidbits	20 Baked Potato w/ Chili, butter, sour cream, shredded cheese Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll Grapes	21 Turkey Taco w/ lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Fresh Apple	22 Turkey and Cheese Hoagie w/lettuce, tomato, and mayo Baked BBQ Chips Baby Carrots Fresh Orange	23 Chicken Tenders w/BBQ sauce Green Beans Cole Slaw Dinner Roll Fresh Mixed Fruit
26 Cheeseburger w/ketchup, mustard, lettuce, tomato, pickles Tater Tots Yellow Squash Sliced Pears	27 Breaded Chicken Drumstick 3 Cheese Cavatappi Steamed Carrots Fresh Celery Sliced Bread Grapes	28 Baked Ziti Bosco Stick Tossed Salad w/dressing Steamed Peas Fresh Orange	29 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Great Northern Beans Fruit Cocktail	30 Chicken & Waffles w/syrup and bbq sauce Steamed Corn Fresh Cauliflower w/ranch Fresh Apple

### News

Served Daily:  
Cold 1% White Milk  
Cold Skim White Milk  
Cold 1% Chocolate Milk

Daily Fresh Veggie Option

2<sup>nd</sup> Meal Option:  
Variety of Specialty Salads  
Or  
Deli Sandwiches

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