

Frequently Asked Questions ~ Class of 2015

1) What are the normal school hours?

The regular school day begins at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. after eighth period class.

2) How long are class periods?

McNicholas is on an eight-period day with classes lasting 48 minutes each. Students have five minutes change time between classes. Class times may vary to make room in the day for mass, assemblies and block days.

3) When do I eat lunch?

Lunch is served in the cafeteria during a scheduled lunch break. Every student is scheduled for either Lunch A (5th period) or Lunch B (6th period) and it appears on the class schedule.

4) When am I allowed to use the restroom?

Students can use the restrooms before homeroom, during change of class times, during lunch, after school, or with special permission from their classroom teacher.

5) Will I have a locker?

Yes. On orientation day, you will receive your locker number and you will be issued a combination lock. Lockers must be locked at all times.

6) When am I allowed to go to my locker?

Students can go to their lockers before school, during change of class times, after school or with special permission from their classroom teacher. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers during their lunch period.

7) How do I find out about bus transportation?

Contact your local school district's transportation office to 1) confirm bus service and 2) check for specific times and bus stop locations.

Forest Hills	231-3335	CNE	732-3975
West Clermont	752-4020	Milford	575-1563
	New Richmond	553-0266	

8) Will I receive a school supply list like we have in grade school?

No. Because we are integrating tablets into our curriculum, it is likely that students will need very few school supplies. Because it is possible to experience temporary problems with computers, we suggest you keep a notebook and pen on hand. A few standard supplies will be needed in some classes, so plan to check with each teacher on orientation day for any specific supplies. All students will be issued a school planner on orientation day.

9) Do I really have to do the summer reading?

Absolutely! Details on summer reading were sent home in May. Incoming freshmen must complete the assignment for We Are All The Same and take a test on their choice book on Friday, August 26. There are three books to choose from; if you want to see the choices or need details about the assignment, go our webpage, www.mcnhs.org, and click on "Summer Reading."

10) How can I check on my grades?

We use Edline® so that you can check your grades. With this program you can view your class assignments, archive documents, and stay informed about all of your classes. We strongly recommend that you stay on top of your assignments and check your grades weekly. You and your parents will be mailed a code to activate your account later this month.

11) What are block days?

Once a month, we have classes for 90 minutes instead of 48 minutes over a two-day period. This means that one class day you have four classes and the other day you have three. The order of the classes can change, too. Block days give teachers and students a longer period of time to be together and are often used for labs, projects, or special presentations.

12) Do I really need to use my McNick email account?

YES! Your email account is the key to all communication at McNicholas. It is our expectation, and your responsibility, to check your email at least once per day for important announcements and all school communications.

13) What if I need help or have a question once the year gets started?

We will do everything we can to make you feel welcome at McNicholas, and we will do everything we can to equip you for success.

- Every freshman homeroom is assigned seniors who are peer mentors. About once a month, the peer mentors will meet with their freshman homeroom and spend a few minutes in small groups discussing upcoming issues or events.*
- Your teachers are a great resource for questions about everything – from how to get around the building to how to ace your next test.*
- Your counselor will be visiting with you on orientation day, and will visit your English or religion classes to give you tips about success in high school. You can also make an appointment to meet with a counselor privately to discuss a problem, find a tutor, make a connection with a club or sport, or just talk.*
- If you have a problem with your tablet that you and a teacher cannot solve, the help desk (in the library) is open before and after school, and throughout the day.*

Still have a question? Call the Guidance Office at 231-3500 ext. 5128 for assistance.