

August 24—Update from Memorial School

Greetings, Memorial School Families,

We are looking forward to starting school next Tuesday, August 30! We wanted to touch base with some updates and reminders below as we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.

Bus Routes are Now Available

The [2022-2023 bus routes are now posted here](#). Please refer to this document to locate your nearest bus stop. Note that while some buses overlap between the two towns, Kingston is primarily served by buses #201 (Yellow), #214 (Purple), and #215 (Orange), while Newton is primarily served by buses #204 (Red), #208 (Green), and #213 (Blue). Also, note that pick-up and drop-off times are approximate and may fluctuate—especially during the first few days of the school year when everyone is adjusting to new routines! Our bus service provider, Salter Transportation, has a full list of all Memorial Students (including those who transitioned from DJ Bakie School to Memorial School this coming year). Please contact Salter Transportation directly at 1-800-479-6433 with any questions or requests. Also, as an FYI, you may always find the [bus routes and bus information here on our website](#) should you need it at any point during the school year.

PickUp Patrol – Information & Action Required

Now that the bus routes are available, we ask that you **please update your child's default dismissal plan in [PickUp Patrol](#) before the start of the school year**. You will receive a separate email from PickUp Patrol later today with information and login instructions (you may access PickUp Patrol either through an app on your phone or tablet or through a computer). Please note that **throughout the school year, PickUp Patrol is our preferred method for communicating any late arrivals, absences, early dismissals, and changes to dismissal plans**. If you have any questions or needs regarding PickUp Patrol at any time, please contact our front office at memoffice@sau17.net or 603-382-5251.

Homeroom Teacher Assignments & Staff Directory

The teachers are looking forward to meeting their students and starting the school year next week! If you did not receive a communication providing your child's homeroom teacher's name, please contact our front office at memoffice@sau17.net or 603-382-5251 and they will be able to provide you with that information.

We are currently working our way through updating our online Memorial School Staff Directory and will post an update on our website once it is complete. You will be able to access the email addresses of all staff, including your child's homeroom teacher, once the directory is available.

A Few Reminders

- **TODAY! PTO Back-to-School Picnic:** We hope to see you this evening, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at the PTO Back-to-School Picnic! [Click here for the event flyer](#). We hope to see you there!
- **Required Back-to-School Forms:** If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete the mandatory "2022-2023 Memorial back to school forms" in [Alma](#). Please note that **every student must have their information updated**—even those who attended Memorial School last year. As a reminder, your username is formatted as "firstname.lastname." If you can't remember your password, use the "Forgot Password" link to reset it. As always, our front office staff is here to help if you have questions or need anything!
- **Food Services Update:** Because the USDA did not renew the Universal Free Meals program that had been in place for the last two school years, **meals will no longer be free to all students starting in the 2022-2023 school year.** Students who choose to participate in the school meals program will either need to apply for free or reduced-price meals or set up and/or add funds to their MySchoolBucks food service account. Details on all of the above may be found on both the [Fresh Picks Café website](#) and on [the Food Services Info page on our website](#).

Should you have any questions or needs, please feel free to reach out to me. Our front office staff, Bonnie Gasse and Kristen Noonan, are also available to help as you prepare for the new school year and can be reached through our new front office email address, memoffice@sau17.net, or by calling our main phone number, 603-382-5251.

We look forward to meeting many of you this evening at the Back-to-School Picnic and welcoming the students back next Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Adrian Alford