WELCOME BACK PIRATES PIRATES

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MAYER

Greetings from Pirate Country! I'm thrilled to begin my fourth year at Verndale Public School and welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year. Our staff is excited to see returning students and meet new families. This newsletter is filled with everything you need to get the year started right!

Please be sure to read through this information carefully. You can also visit our website at www.verndaleschool.org or call the school office at 218-445-5184 with any questions.

Thank you for your partnership in helping our students grow, succeed, and thrive. I look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Wednesday, August 27th from 4:00 pm -

6:00 pm.

Warmly, Jeannie Mayer Superintendent





Pictured above: Verndale 2025 senior class with the 2025 Kindergarteners

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Verndale Public School District is to provide a safe and innovative learning environment where all students are prepared for an ever-changing world through educational excellence.

DISTRICT GOALS

Optimize Student Achievement
 Manage an Effective School District Budget
 Retain Effective Staff Members

www.verndaleschool.org



Back to School Information

School Enrollment PreSchool- Grade 12

We encourage you to stop by or call the office to pick up an enrollment packet. Verndale also offers convenient online registration. Visit our website to access the enrollment packet and complete your registration online by clicking below:

Preschool Plus:

Offers developmentally appropriate play and learning experiences that set your child up for success in school; Provides a safe environment for children to play, develop social skills through friendship and play, participate in music, arts and discovery; Offers a sliding fee scale for tuition



Starting this school year, Verndale Public School will have new start and end times. The school day will now begin at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:13 p.m. Please plan accordingly to ensure students arrive on time and are picked up promptly.

Burger Bash

Wednesday, August 27th



4:00-6:00 pm

Location: Cafeteria

This event is free for ALL students and their families, teachers, and staff.

Sponsored by: Verndale

Alliance Church

PreK-12 Open House

Wednesday, August 27th 4:00 - 6:00 pm



New Student/Parent Orientation: 3:30 pm (Auditorium)



7th Grade Orientation: 4:30 pm (Auditorium)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Grades K-7 & I2
Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

Grades 8-II Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

School Supply Lists

These can be found on our website, Facebook Page, in the district office, along with many local stores.







School Information

Verndale Public School Board

Meetings of the Verndale Public School Board are held on the first Monday of the Month, in the School Media Center. The annual Truth and Taxation Meeting will be held the first Monday in December.



Front Row: Chris Youngbauer- Vice Chair, Tahna Rurup- Clerk, Tony Stanley- Director Back Row: Tyler Fisher- Treasurer, Chuck Dick-Director. Scott Veronen- Chair

Student Handbook:

Please take time to have a conversation about the handbook with your child(ren.) The handbook will need to be acknowledged by students and parents

Click here to find the 2025-2026 student handbook

Chromebook Handbook:

Please take time to have a conversation about the handbook with your child(ren.) The handbook will need to be acknowledged by students and parents

Click here to find the 2025-2026 student handbook

Chromebooks will be handed out the first week of





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A note from the School Nurse

If your students has a health concern:

Please complete the Health Questionnaire before school starts so I can best inform the appropriate school staff of your child's conditions/needs. Confidentiality of this information is stressed upon and only the appropriate staff members will receive relevant information about your student. You can get a form from the school office or download one from the Verndale School Website. If your child has a more serious, life threatening health condition, please contact me as soon as possible so an Emergency Health Plan can be created.

If your student needs to take medication while at school:

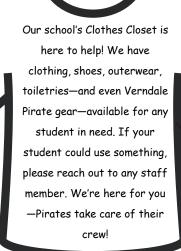
For prescription medication, a consent form must be signed by both the parent and the prescribing health professional who prescribed the medication. This form is called the Consent for Administration of Medication (For Prescription Medication). For non-prescription medication, a similar consent form must be completed by the parent only. You can get one of these forms from the school health office or you can download a copy from the Verndale School Website. Medication given at the school must be brought in by an adult. All medications must be brought to the school in its original container/prescription bottle with the student's name on it, along with dosage information. (A duplicate bottle can be obtained from the pharmacist upon request.) The label on the bottle must match the doctor's order on the consent form. Please provide the school with a one-month supply at a time at a minimum.

If your child needs Immunizations:

Please plan to get your child's necessary immunizations done prior to the first day of school. Certain immunizations are required prior to Kindergarten and 7th grade entrance. Kindergarten students must have their booster doses of DTaP, Polio, Varicella, and MMR. All 7th graders will need the meningococcal vaccine, along with the TDaP booster. All high school students should have a TDaP booster and a meningococcal shot. If your high school student has not had these yet, please do so before school starts. If you choose not to vaccinate your student, please contact the school for an exemption form that must be signed and notarized. You can get vaccines at your primary health clinic or at Wadena County Public Health if you qualify for the state vaccine program. If you have questions, please contact Jill Davis at Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629, or Blair Loscheider at the Verndale School.

Student Medications:

If your child requires any medication during the school day, please bring medication and Consent for Administration of **Prescription Medication** Form (signed by prescribing physician) to the District Office during the open house. Also, please stop in to the District Office to pick up any expired medication. All expired medications will be disposed of after October 1st, 2025



Door Policy:

Parents and students should always use the main entrance (door #1) to access our school. All external doors, except the main entrance door (door #1) will remain locked during school hours (from 8:10 am - 3:13 pm).

Drop Off and Pick-Up

- Students are not allowed in the school building before 7:45 am or after 3:30 pm unless they are under the direct supervision of a school staff member.
- Elementary students will be allowed to enter their classrooms starting at 7:50 am.
- Students arriving late to school or leaving early from school are REQUIRED to check in or out through the main office.
 - Parents picking up students ARE REQUIRED to enter the building through the main office.



Click here for the Pirate Care form!

Highschool Schedule

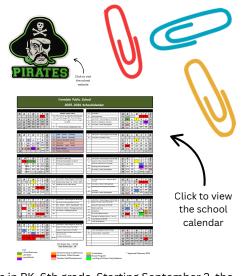
Regular Schedule			Two-Hour Late Start Schedule		
	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>		Start	<u>End</u>
1st Period 2nd Period PT2 3rd Period 4th Period Lunch (7-12) 11-12 9-10	8:10 9:01 9:52 10:21 11:12 12:00 12:00 12:05	8:58 9:49 10:18 11:09 12:00 12:40 12:40	1st Period 2nd Period 3rd Period Lunch (7-12) 11-12 9-10	10:10 10:48 11:26 12:01 12:01 12:06	10:45 11:23 12:01 12:41 12:41 12:41
7-8 5th Period 6th Period 7th Period	12:10 12:43 1:34 2:25	12:40 1:31 2:22 3:13	7-8 4th Period 5th Period 6th Period 7th Period	12:11 12:44 1:22 2:00 2:38	12:41 1:19 1:57 2:35 3:13

Student Absence Procedure:

Students who anticipate being gone for one or more days must first secure an advance notice of absence form from the office and show it to each of their teachers. Failure to do so before leaving may result in the absence being unexcused. To receive an absence from the office, parents should send a note with your student to bring into the office, or call the office directly. Text messages will not be accepted. Students will not be released from class for pick-up until the office has received a note or phone call from a parent/guardian. Students should always be picked up in the main office. Unexpected student absences should be called into the office by parents/guardians by 8:30 am each day.

Elementary schedule

Starts at 8:10am
K Lunch 10:40 am - 11:10am
K Recess 11:15 am - 11:50 am
1st grade Lunch 10:50 am - 11:20 am
1st grade Recess 11:25 am - 11:50 am
2nd grade Lunch 10:45 am - 11:15 am
2nd grade Recess 11:20 am - 11:50 am
3rd - 4th grade Lunch 11:15 am - 11:40 am
3rd - 4th grade Recess 11:45am - 12:10 pm
5th - 6th grade Lunch 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
5th - 6th grade Recess 11:00 am - 11:25 am



<u>Pirate Care Program</u> After School Program Only:

Pirate Care is Verndale Public School's fee-based after school program for students in PK-6th grade. Starting September 2, the program runs every school day from 3:10–5:00 PM, offering homework help, supervised activities, and a safe space to spend time with friends. Caring school staff will provide a healthy, supportive environment that encourages respect, social skills, and self-confidence. The cost is \$6 per child per day, with a maximum of \$75 per family per week. Please note that students must be picked up by 5:00 PM, as a late fee will apply after that time. Don't miss out on this great opportunity—secure your child's spot today!

Curriculum Advisory Review Committee

The district is looking for volunteers to join the District Curriculum Review Advisory Committee starting in November. This committee helps review and improve instruction and curriculum, offering recommendations to the School Board on standards, assessments, and programs. The group meets five times a year. Parents, guardians, and community members are encouraged to join. For more information, contact Katie Tackmann at Ktackmann@verndale.k12.mn.us or 445-5184 ext. 321.

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<u>Yearbooks</u>

The Verndale School yearbook, which includes both high school and elementary photos and activities, will be offered for the discount price of \$42 for a regular yearbook until the December holiday break. After the break, the minimum price of a regular yearbook will be \$47. There are extra charges for add-ons. This year, the only way to order a yearbook is to go to Lifetouch online and pay with a credit card. NOTE: If you do not order with Lifetouch online, you will not be guaranteed a yearbook. There will be NO extra yearbooks available at the end of the year. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Youngbauer at kyoungbauer@verndaleschool.org or 445-5184 ext 408.

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Family Information Changes

In order to maintain current records, please notify the district office of any changes in your family or household information. Changes you should communicate include but are not limited to: Phone numbers (home, work, & cell), email addresses, physical and mailing addresses, child information (children who live in home ages birth through 12th grade), emergency contact information, medical information (doctor and dentist), and transportation information. Keeping this information current is important when the school needs to contact parents/guardians in case of emergency. If you have changes to report, please contact the district office at 218-445-5184.



World Down Syndrome Day 2025- Students and Staff

JMC Parent Portal To access your JMC Parent Portal

To access your JMC Parent Portal by using your personal computer, go to our website at www.verndaleschool.org. Click on the circle labeled "Parents". Click on "JMC Parent" Make sure you have the 25-26 school year selected, and enter your username (parent last name), and your password (if you have not created a password, please contact the district office).

You are now in JMC. Click on any of the available links on the left of your screen to view your child's information.

Click here to go to JMC Parent Portal

Tuition/Fees JMC Parent Portal

Did you forget to send cash or a check with your student? No need to worry! You can now pay for milk tickets, Pirate Care invoices, shop fees, and more right from the comfort of your home.
Log into your JMC Parent Portal, then click on Tuition/ Fees and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact Reagan Mayer in our district office at 218-445-5184.







<u>Early Childhood Family Education</u> (ECFE)

Early Childhood Family Education offers parent/child time together with fun learning activities, music, and a chance for your child to play with other children their age! Parents and children will spend their time playing and learning together along with parents taking part in informal discussions on different topics. Classes are for children ages newborn to 5 years old (or not yet in Kindergarten), and are FREE to all families! Session dates will be available in September. Please call the Verndale Preschool room to register for each session. Come and join us for fun, friends, songs, and special time with your mommy, daddy, grandma, grandpa, or any loved one! For more information, or to have a brochure sent to you, contact Becky Ludovissie at bludovissie@verndaleschool.org or 218-445-5184 ext. 260/261. You can also visit our website at www.verndaleschool.org, click on the Preschool Plus tab on the left, and then the ECFE tab for future ECFE dates and updated information!

SOAR/ Captains Crew

The Verndale School District plans to provide SOAR and Captains crew programs this year, which will be dependent on staff availability and student enrollment. This program is for Elementary grades. This is a free program, however, there are specific criteria and eligibility standards that must be met before a student can be enrolled. Please watch for more information.

Shop Fees (Industrial Technology) 7th Graders: \$60 8th Graders: \$60

Student Login Update

Student usernames and passwords for JMC and

Chromebook logins have changed for this school

Username: Last 2 digits of graduation year + first

letter of first name + full last name (no spaces).
Chromebook: Username@isd818.org

Password: Verndale + lunch number + !

Example: 28jdoe | Verndale1234!

Chromebooks will be handed out the first week of school

Technology Fee (See Chromebook Handbook)

\$30 per student with a family cap of \$100

** Will be waived if the School Lunch Form is filled out**



Digital Content Notice:

The Verndale School District takes pride in the advanced technology being used throughout our building. Our teachers are encouraged to submit pictures to the newspapers, post pictures and/or videos on their school websites, and use classroom recordings to aid them in their professional development, etc.

The Verndale School District, at it's sole discretion, may use, distribute, and post photos and/or videos for professional development and research purposes, and any other purpose the Verndale School District deems appropriate to further the mission of the organization, and that the video recording and digital materials, and all copies thereof, shall constitute the sole propriety of the Verndale School District. Verndale School District and its employees or authorized agents have the authority to use any photo, video, video stream, or audio of the students who attend the Verndale School.

Please contact Superintendent Jeannie Mayer if you do not want your child's picture shared in any of the formats mentioned above or have any questions regarding this notice.

Important Bus Information

If you are new to Verndale School or your location has changed from last year, please notify Wade Kern, Transportation Supervisor, at 218-445-5184 ext. 304. Please notify us as quickly as possible as some changes may not be guaranteed for the start of the school year.

To view your bus route number and pick up time, please check your <u>JMC Parent Portal</u>. Please keep in mind that the pick up time may vary up to 10 minutes for the first two weeks of school, so be prepared. Also, please keep in mind that times do change throughout the school year due to route changes. Please call the school if you have any questions regarding your pick up time.

Bus Stop Rules

- 1. Be prepared at the stop 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.
- 2. If on time, drivers do not wait for late students. Drivers go by school district office time.
- 3. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
- 4. ALWAYS cross in front of the bus.

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- 5. Busses will go up driveways 1/4 mile or more, if less than 1/4 mile, students are to be at the end of the driveway.
- 6. If the driveway is not plowed or there are obstacles in the driveway, it shall be at the driver's discretion to travel up the driveway or not.

School Bus Discipline Policy

Riding the bus is a PRIVILEGE, not a right. M.S. 123.801 A student's eligibility to ride a school bus may be revoked for a violation of bus safety rules or conduct policies.

- 1. FIRST OFFENSE Warning, notify parent/guardian.
- 2. SECOND OFFENSE Three (3) school day suspension from riding the school bus.
- 3. THIRD OFFENSE Five (5) school day suspension from riding the school bus.
- 4. FOURTH OFFENSE Ten (10) school day suspension from riding the school bus.
- 5. Further offenses may result in the suspension from the school bus for the remainder of the school year.

School Closings & Information

Instant Alert System - JMC Message Center will be used to notify parents, students, and staff. You can find the link on the top of our school website under "Quick Links".

Radio - All school closings will be announced over the following radio stations: KWAD (920 AM), and KKWS (105.9 FM), and these television stations: KSTP (Channel 5), WCCO (Channel 4), KMSP (Channel 9), and KARE (Channel 11).

Facebook - On our Facebook page. Search "Verndale Public School" **School Alert List of Closings** - When severe weather strikes, count on JMC

Late Starts

First Wednesday of every month except September.

October 1st, 2025

November 5th, 2025 December 3rd, 2025 January 7th, 2026 February 4th, 2026 March 4th, 2026 May 6th, 2026



The Verndale School has scheduled eight (7) late start/early release days during the 25-26 school year. Buses will run two hours late on late start days. On those days, Elementary students (K-6) may be brought to the school at 8:00 am and will be supervised by paraprofessional staff. Breakfast will be available for our Elementary students at 8:00 am. We request that you call the school at 445-5184 to let us know if your child(ren) will be coming to school before 10:00 am on late start days so we can provide the appropriate supervision. All students are to leave the building at the completion of the school day on early release days.

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Season Passes

The Verndale School will sell season passes for athletic events. These passes are good for football, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, and wrestling home events.

<u>Playoff games are NOT included.</u> Season passes may be purchased in the district office, or at the ticket table at athletic events.



Verndale Student: Free Other Students: \$5 Adult Single Admission:\$5 Season Pass:

\$50 for the first one, and \$35 for each additional pass Senior Citizen-Free Ticket prices for home playoff games:



Athletics and Activities

Our Activities Department has an activities website. This website can be found under the 'Activities' tab on the Verndale School website under 'Athletics and Activities' and will have announcements regarding athletics as well as upcoming events, scores, and pictures. We are once again asking our student athletes to register for athletics on this page. This online registration will allow our coaches and advisors to have updated contact and medical information. We still do not charge activity fees to participate.





















Activities Calendar

Go to our website at www.verndaleschool.org

- Find "Activities" in the menu on the top of the page. A drop down menu will appear.
 - Click on "Calendar"
- This is where you will find events happening at our school

You can also click here!

Physical Exams

Any student who intends to participate in high school (7th - 12th grade) athletics must have a current physical examination on file in the school office.

The necessary forms are available at the clinic, school office, or online. Students will not be allowed to participate in the athletic activity until they have a current physical clearing them to participate. If you have any questions, contact Greg Johnson at 218-445-5184 ext. 319.

BREAKFAST/HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Breakfast and lunch will be served on a daily basis. All students will eat in the cafeteria. In order to serve our students with peanut allergies, the Verndale School does not serve products containing nuts or nut products. We also encourage students and families to follow these same guidelines. The district will also provide an alternate product for students that are lactose-intolerant.

Extra meals and extra milk are to be paid for in advance or at the time of service. Students will receive their meal number on the first day of school.

2025-26 Application for Educational Benefits (Free and Reduced Lunch Form)

Can be filled out electronically from your JMC Parent Portal. Access to JMC Parent Portal can be found on the parent resource page of our website.

Click here for the JMC parent portal

Milk Tickets:

10 tickets \$3.50 20 tickets \$7.00 You can buy these in JMC or in the Office.

Free/ Reduced Lunch qualification does not cover extra milk purchased at lunch.

Breakfast/Hot Lunch Program The School Board has determined the following prices:

Breakfast Prices
PreK - 12th grade: FREE
Adults: \$3.00

Lunch Prices

PreK - 6th grade: FREE 7th - 12th grade: FREE

Adults: \$5.00

Additional Milk: \$0.35

Parents and visiting students are expected to pay the adult price for their meal.

**All accounts must be prepaid or paid at the

time of service.**

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New this year:

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Verndale High School students will have the option to purchase a second breakfast or lunch if they choose.

The cost will be a fixed price of the MDE minimum TBD

verndale.menufreedom.app. These online menus are created by our Food Service Supervisor, Kelsea Desrocher, with a new program called MenuFreedom, which is provided by Sourcewell.

Meals are served at the Verndale School

Cafeteria. You can find our menus online at

<u>Instructions to use online lunch menu:</u>

- 1. Click on the "Choose Site" drop box on the top right of the menu, and listed will only show Verndale Public School.
- 2. Click on the "Offerings" box on the top right of the menu, and select the menu you are looking for.

To find the nutritional information for a certain meal or specific item, click on the item and the nutritional information will show up.

Lunch Prices & Free and Reduced Lunch Program

For the 2025-2026 school year, all students will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each day under the MN Free School Meal Program. While no application is required for this benefit, completing the Application for Educational Benefits is still important. Your application may help the school qualify for additional educational funds, discounts, and meal programs.

To apply, complete the enclosed form and return it to:

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #818, 411 SW BROWN STREET, VERNDALE, MN 56481. Who should apply?- all should apply, your technology fee will be waived if you fill it out! Frequently Asked Questions:

- Who should I include as household members?-Include everyone living in your household, whether related or not.
- What if my income varies?-Report your typical income. For seasonal work, report annual income.
- Will my information be checked?-Your information may be verified, and we may ask for proof.
- Can I apply later?-Yes, we ask that you have it filled out by October 2025

For assistance, call 218-445-5184.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

 $Instructions \ for \ Completing \ the \ Application:$

- 1. Step 1: List all children in your household.
- 2. Step 2: If applicable, enter your SNAP, MFIP, or FDPIR case number.
- 3. Step 3: Report all income for adults and children.
- 4. Step 4: Sign and provide contact details.

Please refer to the full Application for Educational Benefits for more information.







Annual Legal Notices for Families

As we begin a new school year, we want to keep our families informed about important state and federal requirements that help ensure a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. Each year, schools are required to share updates on things like student privacy rights, health and safety practices, attendance expectations, and more. Please take a moment to read through these brief notices. They

Please take a moment to read through these brief notices. They outline your rights as parents, how to request information, and ways we work together to keep our school community safe and welcoming for every student.

Pesticide Application Notification

In accordance with the Janet B. Johnson Pesticide Act (Minn. Stat. \$121A.30), parents and guardians may request to be notified in advance of any pesticide applications at school. For more information or to be added to the notification list, please contact the school office.

Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with federal regulations, Verndale Public School District #818 maintains an Asbestos Management Plan that identifies the location and condition of all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) within our school buildings. Every six months, a licensed and accredited inspector conducts a visual inspection of these materials to ensure they remain in good condition. The Asbestos Management Plan is available for public review during regular business hours in the school office. Parents, staff, or community members with questions may contact the district's account manager through the Institute for Environmental Assessment, Inc. at 763-315-7900.

Lead in Drinking Water

In compliance with Minn. Stat. \$121A.335, our school tests drinking water fixtures for lead every five years. Results are available for review in the district office. Families will be notified if levels exceed state guidelines until corrective actions are completed. More information can be found on our website.

Directory Information & Privacy Rights

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, parents may choose to restrict the release of "directory information" (such as name, grade level, or participation in activities). If you wish to opt out, please contact the office for instructions and deadlines.

Special Education Procedural Safeguards

Parents of students receiving special education services are entitled to specific legal rights under IDEA. A copy of the procedural safeguards notice is provided at least once per year and is available at the district office or on our website.

Attendance and Truancy

Minnesota law requires all students to attend school regularly. Families will be contacted if attendance concerns arise, as required by Minn. Stat. §§120A.22 and 120A.24. Please work with us to ensure students are on time and present every day.

Student Discipline Policy

Our school follows all state laws regarding student discipline, including suspension and expulsion procedures (Minn. Stat. §124D.8957). Copies of the discipline policy are available in the student handbook and on our district website.

Immunization Requirements

Minnesota law requires all students to be fully immunized or provide appropriate exemptions before attending school. Please ensure your child's records are updated. Contact the health office with questions.

Background Check Policy

Per Minn. Stat. \$123B.03, background checks are required for employees and volunteers working with students. Information on this policy is available through the district office.

Annual Parent Notice

Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

Our school district receives federal funds to support our Title programs that are part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. We would like you to know that you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). Upon your request, we will provide the following information:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the subjects and grade level he/she teaches
- If the state licensing requirements have been waived for the teacher under emergency status
 - The type of college degree the teacher holds
- If your child is receiving Title I services, the qualifications of the paraprofessional

Important School Policies - What Parents Need to Know As required by state and federal law, schools must provide annual notification of these policies to all parents and guardians. Verndale Public School follows several important policies to ensure a safe, supportive, and collaborative learning environment for all students.

Here is a brief overview of those requirements:

Policy 419 - Tobacco-Free Environment

No tobacco, e-cigarettes, or vaping products are allowed on school property or at school events. This applies to students, staff, and visitors at all times.

Policy 503 - Student Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for student success.

- Parents are expected to ensure their children attend school daily and follow proper procedures for reporting absences.
- <u>Policy 505 Distribution of Non-School-Sponsored</u>
 <u>Materials</u>
- Students and community members must receive prior approval before distributing flyers, brochures, or other materials on school property.
- Policy 506 Student Discipline

The school promotes positive behavior and a safe learning environment. Discipline procedures are fair, consistent, and

- follow due process to address inappropriate behavior.

 Please see the student handbook for more information.

 Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Student Records
- Parents and eligible students have the right to review educational records. Student information is kept private and only shared as allowed by law.
- Policy 522 Title IX and Sex Nondiscrimination
 Students are protected from discrimination based on sex,
 including harassment on unequal treatment in school
- including harassment or unequal treatment in school programs, activities, and athletics.
 Policy 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- Students are expected to use technology responsibly and follow guidelines to stay safe online. Inappropriate or unsafe use of school technology is not allowed. Please see
- the Chromebook Handbook for more information.

 Policy 527 Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles;

 Patrols, Inspections, and Searches
- Students who drive to school must follow parking rules. All student vehicles must be registered and have a Verndale Parking Pass. Vehicles parked on school property may be
- subject to inspection if there are safety or legal concerns.

 <u>Policy 529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students</u>
 - Staff are informed if a student has a history of violent behavior, helping ensure appropriate supervision and safety for all students.

Policy 534 - Unpaid Meal Charges

Due to a change in the law, students are eligible for a second breakfast or lunch. Students will not be able to charge these meals, but will have the option of putting money into their lunch account to cover these additional meals. Families are encouraged to fill out the Application for Educational Benefits

Policy 609 - Religion

The school is neutral regarding religion. Religious expression by students is allowed as long as it is voluntary. Policy 624 - Online Learning Options

Students may have opportunities to take approved online courses. Parents can request information about available online learning options from the School Counselors.

<u>Policy 709 - Student Transportation Safety.</u>

School buses follow strict safety rules. Parents should review bus expectations with their children to ensure safe rides to and from school.

Full policies are available on our school website or by request at the district office.



Superintendent - Jeannie Mayer ext. 317 Principal/Assessment Coordinator - Katie Bolland ext. 313 Activities Director/Dean of Students - Greg Johnson ext. 319 School Counselor/Academic Advisor - Katie Tackmann ext. 321 School Counselor/Academic Advisor - Heather Lehmkuhl ext. 320 School Nurse - Blair Loscheider ext. 312 School Nurse - Jill Davis at WCPH 218-631-7629 Secretary/MARSS - Mary Gronlund ext. 301 K12 Principal/ DOS/ AD Assistant and Media Communications - Reagan Mayer Ext. 302 Payroll/Human Resources - Amber Nelson ext. 300 Secretary/Community Ed Coordinator/Student Records - ext. 302 Accounts Payable & Receivable - Stacy DeMars ext. 315 Business Manager - Jordan Anderson + Mackenzie Schertler ext. 315 Preschool Plus - Becky Ludovissie ext. 260/261 Food Service Supervisor - Kelsea Desrocher ext. 210 Transportation/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor - Wade Kern ext. 304 IT Coordinator - Erin Huebner ext. 229

Verndale Public School

411 SW Brown Street Verndale, MN 56481



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Back to School Information Enclosed!