

Important Information for Opening Day

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to welcome students into our brand-new-new school building on **Wednesday, February 18!** Our staff is incredibly excited to return to our North End community and to see students walking into a school that truly belongs to them.

While this is a joyful homecoming, it is also a period of transition. To ensure that **safety and learning remain our top priorities**, we kindly ask families and community members for patience and cooperation. Students and staff need time to learn new routines, understand building layouts, and establish safe movement throughout the school. We know many of you are eager to see the new space, and we promise that opportunities for tours **will come**—but during these first days, our focus must remain on helping students settle in confidently and safely.

Below are some important reminders to support a smooth and safe start in our new building:

- **Main Entrance:** All students will enter through the **front entrance on Russell Street**. Daycare and Pre-Primary have **separate dedicated entrances**, and there is **no access** to these programs through the main doors.
- **Excel Program:** Students in the morning Excel Program will enter through the main doors beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- **Bell Schedule (2025–26):**
 - Morning supervision begins at **8:50 a.m.**
 - Entry bell rings at **9:00 a.m.**
 - Instructional day begins at **9:10 a.m.**
Students should **not arrive before 8:50 a.m.**, as there is no supervision. Between 8:50–9:00, students will gather on the playgrounds.
- **Recess:** Outdoor recess will continue in shifts:
 - Grades P–2/3: **10:10–10:25 a.m.**
 - Grades 3–6: **10:25–10:40 a.m.**
- **Lunch:** Lunch will remain in shifts.
 - Grades P-2/3 eating in the cafeteria: **12:10–12:40 p.m.**
 - Grades 3–6 eating in the cafeteria: **12:40–1:10 p.m.**
- **Outdoor Play Areas:** They are located at the **front playgrounds**. There is a basketball court and then an Upper and Lower Playground area. The rooftop area will remain closed for now.
- **Dismissal:** Students walking home will be dismissed at the regular time, **3:10 p.m.** If you are picking up your child, please wait in the **front entrance outdoor area**.
- **Building Access:** For safety, there is **no public access** to the main school building during school hours. All visitors must check in through the **main office**.
- **Bus Students:** Students who take the bus will proceed directly to their assigned buses.
- **Parking Lot Use:** There is **no visitor or parent access** to the school parking lot for drop-off or pick-off or pick-up. We currently do not have enough parking spaces for staff. We ask

families to use the **designated drop-off/pick-off/pick-up areas on Russell Street** and to follow all posted signage.

- **School Buses:** Our school will have **two accessible buses** and **one regular school bus**. Please be mindful of bus lane signs when dropping off, picking up, or coming for meetings.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure a safe, calm, and positive beginning for all students as we settle into our new school home.



Welcome Home!

