

# Nicholas Oresko Community School

## Principal's Monthly Message

September

Dear Parents/Guardians,

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing his/her academic success. Daily attendance assists your child with the ability to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments. Also, students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass assessments.

By being present at school, your child is also learning good citizenship, as they are participating in the school community while learning valuable social skills.

Consequences of missing class can include falling behind on lessons and poorer performance on assessments. Chronic absenteeism increases achievement gaps at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

Starting in pre-kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.

Missing 10 days can make it harder to keep up with what is being taught in class.

Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.

Being late to school may lead to poor attendance and truancy.

Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO...**

Set a regular bed time and morning routine.

For younger children, lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, the school counselor, or other parents for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a trusted family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

Avoid medical appointments & extended trips when school is in session

Remember to check our school's Digital Backpack and the Parent Portal on a regular basis. If you haven't submitted your email address to our school secretary, Ms. DeLeon, please do so as soon as possible.

We encourage our students to make a choice every day to **R**espect **O**thers & **A**ct **R**esponsibly when it comes to their studies, attending school daily, being on time, and completing all assignments in a timely fashion. If students make the right choice and have a positive attitude, they will surely be successful in school!

Nicholas Oresko Community School continues to work towards "Moving From Good to Great!"

Sincerely,

Charles Costello  
Principal