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"The North Middle School community develops student leadership, scholarship, and citizenship"

North Middle School Community Newsletter

December, 2016

Letter from the Principal

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday, and we are excited to re-focus to finish out the first semester. Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers to ensure he/she is preparing for semester exams. Also, do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions regarding exam schedules, or any other details related to these final days of semester one, and of 2016.

Damon Burkhardt
Principal

NMS Food Drive

An outstanding effort by our NMS community resulted in raising over 60 boxes of food for local families in need. Thank you NMS Student Council for the work involved in supporting our community.



Thank you NMS Parents

We thank you for all of your continued parent support. Our 7th grade recently attended Lindenwood University for a field trip and our 6th grade will be soon attending Junior Achievement. It is due to the volunteer efforts of so many of our outstanding families that we are able to create these opportunities for our students. The students and staff at NMS thank you for your time and effort.

Semester Exams

Our final exam schedule is as follows:

- December 19: Finals Hours 1,3,5
- December 20: Finals Hours 2,4,6
- December 21: Make-Up Finals

December Spirit Days

- 2 - Dress Nice - Frozen...Blue
- 9 - Flannel Friday
- 16 - Holiday Sweater Spirit
- 21 - Class Color

School Cancellations

School cancellations can be viewed on TV Channels 2, 4, 5, and 30, on Twitter and Facebook, and our District Website at <http://www.fz.k12.mo.us/>.

In the event we have a school day canceled, we will alter our A Day/B Day schedule to adjust so we do not miss days. For example, if Monday is an 'A Day,' and Monday is canceled, then Tuesday will become an 'A Day.'

Support Staff Hiring

FZSD is currently hiring Bus Drivers, Bus Monitors, and Cook Helpers for Fort Zumwalt School District.

To Apply:

1. Log onto www.fz.k12.mo.us
2. Click on Work for FZSD, then "Employment Opportunities"
3. Look for the job you are interested in, click on apply.
4. Click on "Apply for this Position"
5. Click on Create New Account and Apply

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bruno at (636) 474-8325.

Morning Drop-Off/Arrival

NMS doors open at 6:00 am for student entry on school days. There are adults in the building at this time, but there is no assigned supervision. Students are directed to report to a cafeteria. Supervision is assigned in each cafeteria beginning at 6:30 am. Students may enter the hallways when buses are unloaded, at 7:05 am, which is when our hallways are fully supervised.

Family Event

Information was recently shared outlining our "Board Games & Book Fair" family event on December 6. Please join us from 5:00-7:00 pm. Popcorn will be provided and snacks/drinks will be available for a small purchase. We hope to see you here.

December Events

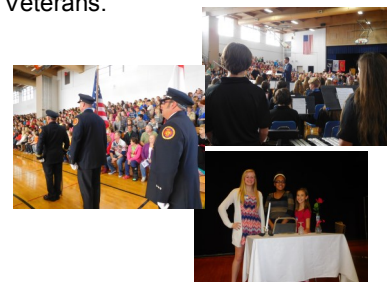
- 1 **Early Release Day (11:50 am)**
- 1 7th/8th Grade Band Concert - 6:30 pm @ NHS
- 5-9 Fall Book Fair
- 5 Fire Drill (12:25 pm)
- 6 Board Games/Book Fair Family Night - 5:00-7:00 pm
- 6 Junior Achievement (Team 6A)
- 7 Junior Achievement (Team 6B)
- 8 Junior Achievement (Team 6C)
- 14 Winter Choir Concert - 6:00 - 9:00 pm @ NHS
- 14 Lockdown Drill (9:40 am)
- 19 Board Meeting - 7:00 pm @ DAO
- 16 Winter Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm @ NHS
- 19 Final Exams (Hours 1,3,5)
- 20 Final Exams (Hours 2,4,6)
- 21 Winter Pep Rallies
- 21 Final Day of 1st Semester

Winter Concerts

Our performing arts will all be hosting their winter concerts over the next month. Our NMS band performed at NMS on 11/29, and at NHS on 12/1. Our NMS choir will perform on 12/14, and our NMS orchestra on 12/20, both at NHS. Feel free to come out and see performances.

Veterans Day

Thank you to all United States Veterans who were able to join us for our Veterans Day celebration. We were able to recognize over 100 local Veterans.



TSA

Congratulations to our Technology Student Association for competing at the FIRST LEGO League competition at St. Charles Community College. Many students put forth weeks of preparation to demonstrate their abilities and what they have learned about Lego Robotics.