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

North Middle School Community Newsletter

November, 2016

### Letter from the Principal

Thank you for your continued support as we are approaching mid-second quarter. We are excited to celebrate positive growth data with our 2015-2016 state testing results. In addition, we are experiencing outstanding participation in extra-curricular activities and observing high levels of student engagement.

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

### NMS Food Drive

NMS Student Council will facilitate our annual food drive. Canned goods/ non-perishable food items will be collected from November 7 - November 18. In our food drive effort last year, we were able to collect over 80 boxes of food items.

### NMS Spirit Days

Our Friday Spirit days so far have been a success. Please encourage your child to participate and follow dress code policy for our Spirit Fridays. Below you will find photos from our recent spirit days: Pink Out, Twin Day, and Tutus, Ties & Tie Dye.



November Spirit Days:

- 2 - 'Red Out' for Red Ribbon Week
- 4 - Patriotic for Mock Election
- 11 - Dress for Respect (Veterans Day)
- 18 - North High Spirit
- 22 - Cougar/Class Spirit

### 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.'

### STEM Night

The FZSD is hosting a district STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math*) event on November 14 at South High School from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to talk with FZ teachers and see what interesting classes our high schools offer. Come learn about innovation and what opportunities lie ahead for children interested in these areas. Attached you will find a flyer for this event. You may also click on the following link to view a short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2g6UeldCnTQ>

### Digital Citizenship Week

Thank you for supporting our Digital Citizenship campaign during the week of October 17. Throughout NMS, we were engaging in conversations and activities to raise awareness. Please join us in continuing to place a focus on creating positive digital citizens.



Essay contest winner:  
Madison Franey-Bartch

Poster contest award winners: Mr. Swain's 5th hour



Bulletin board contest winner: Computer Club

'Gimme a Break' video production contest winner: NMS Library Club

### November Events

- 1-4 Red Ribbon Week
- 3 **Early Release Day (11:50 am)**
- 4 NMS Mock Election
- 7 Taste of Fort Zumwalt (O'Fallon Elks Lodge 5:00 - 6:30 pm)
- 8 **PD Day - No School**
- 10 North High Parent Coffee (NHS Library - 6:00 pm)
- 11 Veterans Day Celebration
- 11 Dress for Respect
- 14 Lockdown Drill (9:40 am)
- 16 Egypt Day - 7th Grade
- 16 Fundraising Celebration
- 17 2nd Quarter Mid-Point
- 21-22 7th Grade Sexual Harassment Presentation
- 21 Board Meeting (DAO - 7:00 pm)
- 23-25 **Thanksgiving Break - No School**
- 29 7th Grade Field Trip
- 30 6th Grade Band Concert (6:30 pm) December
- 12/1 Early Release Day (11:50 am)
- 12/1 7th/8th Band (NHS 7:00 pm)

### Taste of Fort Zumwalt

Join us on November 7 at the O'Fallon Elks Lodge from 5:00 - 6:30 pm for our annual Taste of Fort Zumwalt, which will offer tasting of several local eateries, silent bidding, and more. Proceeds fund the Fort Zumwalt Education Foundation. To learn more about the foundation, visit: [Fort Zumwalt Education Foundation](http://FortZumwaltEducationFoundation.com).

### Veterans Day

All United States Armed Forces Veterans are invited to NMS on November 11 for a lunch, provided by NMS staff, and a celebration assembly, put on by NMS students and staff. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am - 12:20 pm. Email invitations were sent out last week. Please reply to let us know if you will be able to make it. We thank you for your service and hope we can honor you and your efforts on November 11.



### Family Event

Mark your calendars for the evening of December 6. NMS will be hosting a 'Board Games and Book Fair' family night. More details will follow.